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TWO MORTGAGES

By Mrs. E. Sherman Bradner

RUTH! Ruth! Thee better hurry child, thee must not be late to school; Martha will not go to-day. Tell the master the men are in the hay and with the churning and so much work, she must be excused."

"Yes Mother," said Ruth, as she stepped out on the old porch where her mother stood, lifting the dasher up and down, with the steadiness of clock work.

She set down her little pail of lunch, tied on a faded sunbonnet, then kissing her mother without interrupting the steady splash, splash of the old dasher, turned and hurried out of the yard into the lane leading toward the dusty road.

There she turned and looked back and could still see her mother on the side porch of the old weather beaten house, with the steady motion of the churn. The house was fairly hidden with shrubbery, old-fashioned roses climbing in wild profusion, and the air was filled with the perfume of June flowers. The wide spreading maples hid the old, fast decaying and leaky roof. Ruth closed the gate, and half unknown to herself a sigh escaped her, as she took one last look at the patient figure keeping so steadily at her task; the gray, faded and much patched gown, the sweet content of the dear face, framed in its net-work of green and bright-hued colors, the back ground, the old weather-beaten boards of the house; then another sigh escaped her.

"Ah," she thought, "How I wish mother might have a new dress." Then she stopped,—"Why she hasn't had one since I was born, and that was a long, long time ago," for ten years seemed an age to the child. Then there was the churn. Why couldn't they have one just like the one in the big white house, which was turned by a calf or a big lazy dog, what a lot of work it would save her mother. Then the roof needed shingling. On stormy nights Martha and she were obliged to move their bed to keep from getting wet.

Then as the first sound of the old cracked school bell fell on her ears, she sprang up alarmed because of the time she had spent in idle thought. It was a good two miles along the road to the school house, and bare-footed Ruth dare not go across the field, as the wheat and grass were high and large snakes were not uncommon in that country.

Picking up her lunch, she started on a run, and ran till she stubbed her toe and fell. Her little lunch pail opened, and the biscuits rolled into the dusty road. She looked up and down the road, but no one had seen her.

So she picked up her biscuits, wiped them with the wrong side of her faded gingham apron, and placing them in her pail was about to start on again, when a leather book, half hidden with dust, caught her eye. She picked it up, and found it to be a long, flat, old-fashioned pocket book. She opened it and in each fold was a pocket, which was filled with new bank notes. She counted them and found the old book contained one thousand dollars.

Then her little heart gave a great bound of joy, here were all her wishes answered. Her mother should have a new dress—more than one—the old house could be fixed over, and her mother's drudgery lightened by a new churn, and oh!—there were so many things possible.

Then the old school-bell rang out again, and Ruth thought: "Where can I hide my treasure?" After a minute's consideration, she unbuttoned the neck of her dress, slipped it between her waist, a long, flat package, no one could discern.

Her mother's words re-occurred to her about being late. She would be late and perhaps punished; but she did not care now, as she had a way of helping her poor, hard-working mother.

She took her place in the school room, her bright, dark blue eyes shining, with an unusual flush on her face.

The old crippled school master's crutch came down hard on the still room floor, as he called in stern tones, "Ruth Dean, come here child." The children all looked and held their breath. What would he do to her? She had never been late before, nor punished,—was he going to punish her now? Some of the jealous ones hoped so, for she had always been his favorite, and they would like to see her punished. She stood before him, the bright June sun shone on the crown of golden hair; around the broad, white brow it hung in damp ringlets; the cheeks were flushed and rosy, her dress patched and faded, her feet were bare and white, even the dust had refused to cling to them.

He looked into the large, truthful eyes,—there was no embarrassment nor shrinking in them. He turned away with a half sigh, as he said in a loud, stern tone, "Ruth Dean, don't let this occur again. You may take your seat."

There was a catching of breaths, a chorus of suppressed oh's, and then the master's crutch came down hard on the floor, and all was silence again.

As Ruth took her seat, she caught a glimpse of a new face on the boy's side, a proud, haughty, sneering one.

She looked again after taking her seat. Yes, he was almost a young man in Ruth's eyes, as he wore a white shirt, cuffs and collar, with plenty of showy jewelry. "Oh," thought Ruth, "it must be Mr. Potter's grandson from the City." She had heard he was coming to live in the big white house, but she did not dream he would come there to school. His father was dead, and they said he had become a wild, bad boy, and his mother had been obliged to bring him to his grandfather.

Then Ruth's thoughts ran back to her treasure and she felt in her dress to see if it was safe. Yes, it was there. Oh, the joy of knowing she had it,—and all her own, her very own. Oh! and she caught her breath,—was it hers? What about the tenth commandment, and what did the bible say? Ruth tried to think what it said about that which was lost and found, but the letters swam before her eyes as she tried to study.

The pocket-book became as lead. What was she—no better than a thief? But, was she stealing? There was no clue, no name, yet hadn't she hidden it like a thief? She started to rise to her feet, to ask to be excused, when her spelling class was called. She took her place at the head of the class in a kind of a dream, for she had not looked at her lesson.

The first word the master pronounced, she tried to spell, stammered and missed. Looking annoyed, he gave her another trial, but she did no better. Then in stern and troubled tones, he said, "Take your place at the foot of the class."

She went, her face hot and burning, tears blinding her eyes, and ah, the awful burden of that weight in her dress. In a vague way she realized she was standing beside the stylishly dressed boy, and her little bare feet in a row beside the patent-leather-covered-ones; he was more than a head taller than she.

There was a mocking laugh on his face, as he whispered, "Why did you mind the old fool? I'm not going to."

She looked at him in a dazed, uncertain way. Had

she heard aright or was she going crazy, with the weight of that stolen money? As Ruth now began to consider it, surely he did not intend to disobey the dear, kind, old master, whom she considered above a single mean act.

The boy became angered because she did not answer, stepped his heavy soled shoe over the little tender toe. It slipped off with a snap, the skin came with it, and a little stream of blood followed. She did not scream nor flinch, the teacher did not see nor hear, and the boy next, dare not tell about him. He looked a little ashamed and muttered something Ruth did not catch.

When the class was dismissed, Ruth stepped in front of the master, made an old fashioned courtesy, that made the boy from the city laugh aloud and caused a frown to gather on the master's brow, as she said, "Please sir may I go home?"

"Ruth," said he, looking sharply at her, "What is the matter, are you ill, child?"

"No Sir," answered Ruth truthfully.

"Then take your seat and remain till school is closed." She did not dream of disobeying him. How she got through the day she could never remember. Visions of the jail floated before her, the leather book became a burning thing, her little body was hot and feverish. How could she ever have thought of keeping it, when she had known all the time it did not belong to her? Would the owner forgive her, and if he did, would her parents whose every law was the bible? When loss of crops and stock had fallen heavily upon them, her father's only murmur had been, "Oh, God thy will be done." There were no petty, useless complaints.

He went cheerfully to work again, ever submitting patiently to the will of the Almighty. But now, she, his child had disgraced him, and with a great, dry sob, she tied on her bonnet, at the close of school, and hurried toward home.

Ralph Potter kept at a little distance behind her. He would liked to have caught up with her, but there was a feeling of half shame at what he had done, and he could not quite bring himself to seek pardon of this little, shabby, country girl.

"By Jove," he said to himself, "she's plucky, never squealed nor told about me, nor took any more notice of me." All unconscious of it, his feet were stepping in the tracks made by the little bare ones.

When he realized what he was doing, he pulled himself up with a half laugh of scorn; then in another minute he was placing his feet in the same tracks, and erasing them till he turned up his grandfather's lane.

When Ruth reached home, her father was there. He had just come in tired from helping to hunt for a thousand dollars, which Mr. Potter had lost early in the morning on his way to the city to pay off a mortgage on his fine farm and home. The mortgage was over due and the place was to be sold at sheriff sale, if the money was not paid before the morrow.

Ruth told her story with a face burning with shame; told how she had planned to use the money; then falling on her knees, she turned a pitiful, pleading face to her father, begging to be forgiven and loved once more.

Her father took her in his arms, pushed the fair ringlets from the burning brow, as he said, "Ruthie, did you ask Jesus' forgiveness?"

"Oh, yes, yes father, a hundred times or more."

Her mother had turned her back to hide the tears.

If her child had sinned, it had been for her, and she felt sure the little feet would never stray far wrong—they kept too close to the footsteps of Jesus.

"Tie on your bonnet, Ruthie, and we'll go up to farmer Potter's." Not a word passed between them on the way. Her father took her little hand and held it close in his big, rough one. It was a kind of silent promise which made her feel all the more humble, as she thought she did not deserve it.

On reaching the Potter home, the task was made a little harder for Ruth, as the boy Ralph was with his grandfather. She did not hesitate but laid the pocket

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Miss Lindsay's Chef-d'œuvre

BY THOMAS COBB.

ONE July afternoon an alert looking young man was bicycling along a secluded country road, when the rain, which had been threatening for some time, began to fall in a torrent.

As he quickened his pace toward the small town a mile and a half distant, he saw on his left a desolate cottage, the remnant of a row of six, with grimy, distempered walls a thatched roof, and every appearance of poverty and decay.

Glad, however, of any port in the storm, Dubison at once dismounted, rested his bicycle against the wall and tapped at the door, which was opened by a short spare woman of seventy. Her face was thin and furrowed, her hair snowily white, her cotton dress patched and shabby, but spotlessly clean.

Raising his wet cloth cap as he asked for shelter, Dubison was bidden to enter. In the fireplace the flames from a few sticks of wood licked the sides of a kettle, on a deal table was a small, much darned napkin, with a cup and saucer, a chipped plate and a crust of bread.

"Perhaps," suggested Dubison, "you could let me have some tea?"

"If so you could drink it without milk," answered Mrs. Waghorn, who had only a pinch of tea left out of the last ounce. How she continued to support existence, even with the small sum of her weekly outdoor relief, nobody quite understood; and, indeed, the Guardians had been insisting that her time had come to enter the workhouse.

While she watched the kettle, Dubison, seated on a rickety chair, gazed about the poverty stricken room, his attention being presently arrested by a picture which hung above the mantelshelf, flanked by one or two framed daguerreotypes and mourning cards.

The picture was about two feet in height by eighteen inches in width, with a broad maple wood frame; the portrait of a quaint looking girl, seven or eight years of age, plainly clad, with bare feet and long, straight, thin black hair. Rising from his chair as Mrs. Waghorn filled a brown earthenware teapot, Dubison began to examine the canvas more closely.

"Upon my word," he muttered, "it looks uncommonly like a David Sortain."

Quick of hearing in spite of her age, Mrs. Waghorn paused with the teapot in one hand, the kettle in the other.

"Why," she exclaimed, "if that isn't the name of the gentleman what painted it!"

"It must have been a long time ago," remarked Dubison, with his hands on the mantelshelf, while he still gazed at the picture; Sortain has been dead nearly twenty-five years."

"Ah, it was more than forty," was the answer. "My dear gal died at twenty—the year we had the scarlet fever so bad."

"How did Sortain come to paint your daughter?" asked Dubison, scenting the material for an article.

"We used to live further out of town in those days," she explained; "and we had a bigger cottage in my husband's time—pulled down these many years. One spring time Mr. Sortain came quite unbeknown—just as you've come today—and asked for a lodging. Two months he stayed, painting about the neighborhood, so that we grew friendly like, and before he went away he took Sarah's portrait, and it's hung before my eyes ever since."

Above the lower portion of the frame Dubison fancied he could distinguish the top of what might prove to be David Sortain's signature and familiarity with the Master's work convinced him that he had discovered a specimen of Sortain's earlier, simpler and better period.

With evident reluctance, Mrs. Waghorn permitted him to stand on a chair and remove the picture from the wall, when he found that the canvas was kept in the frame by only a few long nails. After considerable persuasion, Mrs. Waghorn consented to their removal, and at the foot of the now frameless canvas, in the extreme left hand corner, Dubison saw the signature with the characteristic flourish beneath it. Having replaced the canvas in the frame and rehung this above the mantel shelf, Dubison bestowed a half crown on his astonished hostess.

"You know," he said, "you are the owner of a great treasure."

"Ah," she answered, "you may well say that! No one can tell what it's been to me all these years."

"I should think it would be worth close upon a thousand pounds," said Dubison; and Mrs. Waghorn stood on the threshold, staring incredulously after him as he mounted his bicycle and rode toward the town. For, although Sarah's portrait was quite invaluable to her, Mrs. Waghorn could not grasp the fact that it could possibly possess the slightest interest for anybody else in the world. Re-entering the cottage she already began to feel a vague kind of uneasiness, as she put on her bonnet and shawl with the intention of spending a portion of Dubison's half-crown. Sitting,

with a strong cup of tea before her, later the same evening, her thoughts went back to that spring time forty years ago, to her husband, to Sarah, and the lodger who jinked out of doors for several hours each day, and smoked his pipe with John every evening—a young man who may have been clever but who was certainly poor, whose name she had not heard since the morning he left her cottage.

As for Dubison, he rode to the best hotel, and, having dined, sat in a corner of the smoking room writing a column describing his visit to the cottage (with various embellishments) and the treasure therein discovered. A few days later a copy of the journal containing the article found its way to Mr. Ruston, the leading auctioneer of the town, a Guardian of the Poor, whose watchword was economy.

The identification of the cottage and the old woman was perfectly easy. Dubison having imparted a realistic touch to his story by mentioning the names of actual places, and, if Mrs. Waghorn was in truth the possessor of a genuine David Sortain, the notion of her admittance to the workhouse was nothing less than preposterous! Although Mr. Ruston might not have been competent to recognize such work, he knew its value as a marketable commodity, and, a few hours after breakfast, intent on the prevention of a gross

she climbed onto a chair, as Dubison had done the other day, to take down the portrait. When she had affectionately kissed the face, she carried it into the adjoining bedroom, which was little more than a cupboard. Taking off her apron, she wrapped it carefully around the canvas and placed it beneath the patched straw mattress.

When Mr. Ruston came again, two days later, and saw no sign of the David Sortain, he began an urgent but not entirely unsympathetic remonstrance. But although he could understand Mrs. Waghorn's reluctance, duty, of course, must be done; the old woman was, in fact, a capitalist, able to end her days in affluence, and the idea of her continuing to receive a weekly dole at the expense of the ratepayers was monstrous—monstrous! Mrs. Waghorn, however, showed the most irritating and narrow minded obstinacy, and thus the war—the war between the Board of Guardians and the old woman—began. They might do what they pleased. If they chose to stop her money she could not help it; she would far sooner starve than part with her beloved picture.

In truth, this was what she almost did, for Mr. Ruston carried with him the majority of his colleagues, and not only was it determined that Mrs. Waghorn must not be admitted to the workhouse, but the outdoor relief which she had received for some years was suddenly stopped.

Although one or two sympathetic neighbors came to her aid, the old woman's face grew more and more pinched, her eyes appeared to sink further and further into their sockets when one afternoon she received a visit from Miss Lindsay.

Miss Lindsay was forty-five years of age, and since her seventeenth birthday, as she frequently remarked, had devoted herself to art. She lived in a nicely furnished house at the further end of the town, where every foot of every inner wall was covered with her handiwork—oil paintings, water colors, sepia drawings, the work of well nigh thirty years. At intervals she journeyed to London, where she expended a small fortune in cab fares as she carried her canvases vainly from one picture dealer to another. Twice she had succeeded in securing the admission of still-life studies into small provincial galleries, but both had been in due course, returned. On one occasion, however, a group of rhubarb and apples had received two lines of notice in a local newspaper, the cutting being at present framed with an enormous margin and hung in Miss Lindsay's bedroom. Every one with whom she could scrape acquaintance was compelled to make a tour of the other rooms in the house, the lavish encomiums she received on such occasions causing her to marvel more and more at the lack of judgment of picture dealers and the wider public. She knew that she possessed all the feelings of an artist, whereas she had assuredly spared no pains to give them expression.

Of course, the story of Mrs. Waghorn's war with the Guardians had reached Miss Lindsay's ears, and, having befriended the old woman before today, she set out to the cottage, where, with some difficulty, she persuaded Mrs. Waghorn to exhibit the David Sortain. To tell the truth, Miss Lindsay would scarcely have been impressed by the portrait if her mind had not been suitably prepared. In her opinion, it was far too gray and cold; she preferred a more florid style—she considered it more poetical.

"Now, my dear Mrs. Waghorn," she exclaimed, "I want you to do me a great favor."

"I won't sell Sarah's picture," was the answer.

"No, no," said Miss Lindsay; "but you wouldn't like to starve, would you?"

"I won't sell Sarah's portrait!"

"Still, now that horrid Mr. Ruston has stopped your money, you must have a tight pinch. What I wish is to pay you so much every day while you let me take a copy."

"You don't touch Sarah's portrait!"

"I don't wish to touch it," said Miss Lindsay. "There's not enough light here, but I could manage very nicely in your back garden. It would take five or six days, and I am willing to pay you two shillings a day. That would be a great help you know."

Mrs. Waghorn certainly did know—far better than anybody else. Ten shillings would enable her to hold out still for some time against her adversaries, and, having at last satisfied herself that the picture need not on any account go out of her sight, she agreed that Miss Lindsay should begin work the following morning. Punctually at half-past ten a fly stopped outside the cottage, containing Miss Lindsay, her easel, a folding chair, a mahlstick, and an enormous paintbox, as well as two canvases. These having been carried to the small patch of ground which had been described as a back garden, Mrs. Waghorn brought out a chair for herself, put on her gray shawl, and finally took the painting from its hiding place under the mattress.

Fortunately there was a spell of fine weather and the work went on uninterruptedly from day to day. Every afternoon Miss Lindsay made a point of taking the in-

Morning.

By ALONZO RYSE.

From gray to gold the clouds that rise
In eastern heavens dim and cold,
Now slowly turn in sweet surprise.

A wakened songster softly tries
Where shadows stretch across the wold,
What charm in minstrelsy there lies.

With Titan sweep and gorgeous dyes,
The dawn, with master touches bold,
Transmutes the earth, the seas, the skies,
From gray to gold!



fraud upon the ratepayers, he set out to the cottage.

In replacing the frame, Dubison had shifted the position of the nails, to allow the straggling signature to be more distinctly seen, and the circumstances seemed to prohibit the idea of an imposture.

"So, I understand, you are in luck's way?" he said, rubbing his hands.

"I don't know, I'm sure, sir," was the rather pitiful answer.

"Come, come, you're the owner of a masterpiece—a veritable masterpiece!"

"It's just my Sarah as a gal," said Mrs. Waghorn, gazing up at the canvas with a sigh.

"Understand," answered Mr. Ruston, "I've no wish to hurt your feelings—not for a moment; but you can't be allowed to go on receiving public money while you've got a thousand pounds of your own. The fact is, you must sell that picture!"

"Sell—sell Sarah's portrait!" cried Mrs. Waghorn, drawing nearer to the mantelshelf as if for its better protection.

"Bless my soul, how can you afford to keep it?" Mr. Ruston demanded. "Now, try to act like a sensible woman—"

"I don't know about sensible," she said, "but I won't sell Sarah's portrait."

The bare suggestion seemed to shed desolation over her life. Scarcely able to read, her chief enjoyment during the long days was to sit beneath the picture, looking back to the time when Sarah used to run in and out of the cottage door. She could remember as distinctly as if it happened yesterday how that the child had stood in the garden while Mr. Sortain painted, telling his small sitter all manner of whimsical stories to beguile the time. Mrs. Waghorn could still recollect one about a duckling which had turned out a swan.

As soon as Mr. Ruston had left the cottage, she

complete copy away, although the easel and so forth were left at the cottage. Even when her work appeared to be finished, she would not at once submit it for Mrs. Waghorn's criticism, but stood it to dry in the attic which she called her studio.

The copy resembled the original as closely as a circular piece of silver tinsel may resemble the full moon in a clear sky, but Miss Lindsay had made an immense effort to catch the likeness, and there it was: hard, flat and staring. She felt, however, more than satisfied with the success of her undertaking, and when she had covered the canvas with spirit varnish and put it in a gilt frame, she carried it again to the cottage. Having by this time gained Mrs. Waghorn's complete confidence, Miss Lindsay easily persuaded her to permit a comparison of the two pictures, so, locking the outer door, she placed them side by side on the mantelshelf.

Standing a little in the background, Miss Lindsay surveyed them with her head on one side and a smile on her face, while Mrs. Waghorn's eyes shone with delight. The copy not only far outshone the original, but it also bore a closer resemblance to Sarah, whose skin had certainly been more ruddy than David Sortain had painted it. In Miss Lindsay's work, too, there was a certain boldness of treatment which the other lacked, a more distinctly defined outline. In the one case you had undoubtedly a representation of an ordinary child; in the other something more elusive and spirituelle, certainly extraordinary.

"It's a lovely picture," murmured Mrs. Waghorn, "Quite lovely, I call it."

"But do you—do you think it's as nice as the old one?"

"Why, it's ever so much cleaner and nicer," was the answer. "But, then, of course, it's new."

"The question is," said Miss Lindsay, "whether you would as soon have my portrait as David Sortain's."

At this suggestion Mrs. Waghorn began to look doubtful. While the new picture strongly appealed to her, there remained the important fact that she had grown old in the company of its predecessor. Still, when it was pointed out that she might keep the recently painted picture, with all its brilliant freshness, and yet secure enough money to end her days luxuriously in the cottage, Mrs. Waghorn began to waver, and before Miss Lindsay departed the result of her labors had been hung securely above the mantelshelf. Although the old woman looked somewhat regretful when she saw the portrait in its maple frame being wrapped in brown paper, she felt, on the whole, almost satisfied with the exchange, and when Miss Lindsay offered the loan of a sovereign the last doubt was removed.

"You understand," said the visitor, "this is a loan, and when you receive your money I shall expect to be repaid."

She had not left the cottage, with the David Sortain under her arm, more than twenty minutes, when a fly stopped at the door and an important looking man of middle age, wearing a gray frockcoat and a tall white hat, tapped with his umbrella.

"I understand," he began, when Mrs. Waghorn appeared, "that you have a picture"—

"I won't sell it," was the prompt reply. "It's my Sarah's."

"Yes, yes, my good woman," said the man; "I quite understand. But I hope you will allow me to look at it." As she still seemed unwilling he put a florin in her hand, whereupon Mrs. Waghorn stepped back, allowing him to enter the cottage. "Now, where is the picture?" he demanded, putting on a pair of eyeglasses, and staring straight at Miss Lindsay's work.

"That's Sarah's portrait," exclaimed Mrs. Waghorn, not without a trace of pride in her voice.

"That! Bless my soul!" he ejaculated in profound disgust.

"It's as like Sarah as two peas," said Mrs. Waghorn.

"Ah, yes; thank you, I am much obliged," was the answer, and, as he re-entered the fly, he took off his hat, wiped his forehead, and began to mutter. "Odd that one can never put the slightest trust in those newspaper fellows! Half a day lost and a journey for nothing!"

In the mean time, Miss Lindsay, looking more self-satisfied than she had ever looked before, stood in Mr. Ruston's private office holding the David Sortain.

"I must say," cried the auctioneer, "that you have displayed the most remarkable tact in dealing with the old soul!"

"It is not a question of tact," said Miss Lindsay. "You understand that I have painted Mrs. Waghorn a copy which she very much prefers to the original. She is perfectly contented, and as I do not wish to go to London at present, I thought perhaps you would undertake the disposal of her old picture."

Mr. Ruston had no objection whatsoever, and, indeed the sale could not have been left to any one more competent. Having gained his end and succeeded in averting a grave public scandal, he could afford to be magnanimous; so he took the train to London, where he agreed to leave the picture on approval for a week with one of the most renowned dealers.

Before the time had expired, Mr. Ruston paid another visit to the cottage, where Mrs. Waghorn received him somewhat antagonistically.

"Well," he began, how do you like your new work of art?"

"I won't sell Sarah's portrait," she answered, doggedly.

"I promise that no one shall ever trouble you by suggesting such a thing again."

"Thank you kindly!" cried Mrs. Waghorn. "I'm sure all I want's to be let alone."

"Still," he urged, you must come with me to the bank—you see I've brought a fly for you. The David Sortain has been sold—nine hundred pounds."

"Nine hundred pounds!" she gasped, and Ruston feared she would faint.

"Come, come; you must pull yourself together," he insisted. "I am waiting to take you to the bank, and whenever you want any money all you will have to do is to draw a check. The nine hundred pounds will last longer than you. Now," he added, "be quick and put on your bonnet and shawl."

When she had sufficiently recovered her self-possession, she retired to the inner room to do as Mr. Ruston suggested, but at the latest moment some of her previous distrust returned, so that she insisted that he should leave the cottage first, while she carefully locked the door behind her.

The folks stared to see the old woman driven along the high street by the auctioneer's side, and he even offered the very necessary support of his arm as she entered the bank, and, subsequently, the manager's room, where, with considerable difficulty, she signed her name in a large ledger.

The manager gave her a book containing twenty-five checks, one of which Mr. Ruston at once filled in for five pounds, so that she might begin to realize to some degree her newly acquired riches. Altogether, it was a great day for Mrs. Waghorn, but alone in the cottage that evening, the complete understanding of the series of occurrences remained entirely beyond her capacity.

She need no longer dread the workhouse, nor even depend on outdoor relief; she had suddenly been endowed with unimaginable wealth, and above everything, she still retained possession of Sarah's portrait, with the assurance that no one in the future would attempt to take it away. Henceforth, as the weeks passed, Mrs. Waghorn found her neighbors much more "chatty" and sociable than before, while Miss Lindsay not only came frequently to the cottage, but often brought her friends to inspect what must always be regarded as her chef d'œuvre.—*The Sketch.*

Let Them Pass; Forget Them.

By BENJAMIN B. KEECH.

Never mind the things you heard,—
Don't repeat a single word,—
Let them pass; forget them.
Do not mind them—they are not
Worthy of a moment's thought,—
They have now much mischief wrought—
Let them pass; forget them.

Never mind what some one said,—
They were words by malice fed,—
Let them pass; forget them.
They were unkind and untrue,
And deserve no thought from you;—
Be among the very few
Who will never mind them.

Let the other people say
Words unkind, from day to day—
Let them pass; forget them.
Balance matters with them; give
Kind words for unkind ones; live
As you know you ought; forgive,—
Let them pass; forget them.

And if you have said a word,
Harsh, unkind, and some one heard,
Pass it not; but mind it.
Sow another kind of seed,—
Do another kind of deed,—
Maybe some one's heart will bleed,
If you do not mind it.

Africans Ants Can't be Driven Away.

Assembling in Large and Well Drilled Armies, They Overcome Everything in Their Line of March.

Through a recently returned missionary family from the Gulf of Guinea, on the African coast, the writer has received a description of a curiously interesting species of large black ants, called Drivers, which infest that section of the world and generally bring annoyance and destruction in their path. The Drivers have, however, a mission to perform in the extermination of every form of small vermin, which make the life of residents upon coast and inland in that section of the world anything but a joy forever.

Their approach is heralded by the tiny noise of the scampering of legions of large black roaches which are at once the pest of the householder and favorite prey of these ants.

The Drivers always arrive at night since, as the missionaries wittily assert, they prefer darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil. March-

ing in regular phalanx from four to six inches across, they are as perfectly drilled as a regiment of soldiers. From a half to an inch and a half in length, the largest invariably march ahead to make the attack and bear the brunt of battle should there be openly expressed opposition to their arrival. Instead of traveling along the roadway, they invariably select for protection the grass running alongside. When it becomes absolutely necessary to cross the road in order to reach a desired destination, the large, strong ones, advancing with military precision, closely interlock by means of their sharp nippers and, with a curious upward movement, form an arched bridge spanning the road. The younger and smaller ones, instead of crossing over, for greater security pass under and patiently await on the other side the disintegration of their leaders, who then resume the line of march.

Arriving at the house, it is expedient for the human resident temporarily to vacate, since only too soon it otherwise becomes a physical impossibility to remain. For the householder to show fight to the Drivers and endeavor to smoke or oust them from the house is to insure countless vicious bites from the ants, which, crawling over walls and ceilings, drop down all over the rash one, in addition to beginning from the ground floor and proceeding from the feet upward to nip their vicious way until one is only too thankful to flee at any price and be rid of this cargo of stinging, biting pests.

To vacate at once and give the house over entirely to them is to have them go over it with great thoroughness, devouring every roach and vermin for which the frame and bamboo walls form favorite residence. This task, according to the dimensions of the place, occupies the invading army from three to four hours, at the end of which time, with the same military precision as on entering, they collect from all quarters for complete evacuation.

The leaders arrive first in the room by which they have entered, and then, scurrying in hot haste, come the smaller ones, upon each of whom, in addition to assisting to devour the roaches, has devolved the care and protection of the eggs, which they invariably carry in their mouths. Back and forth in hurried conclave the leaders run, until the army is entirely marshaled. The order then being given for departure, they go out as they entered.

From the house they make intuitively to the chicken yard, where, should it be late and the chickens fast asleep on their perches, the Drivers simply bombard the place. Swarming from all quarters at once over the hapless chickens they fasten with the sharp nippers into the flesh, which they devour with avidity. In the completion of this task they not kill and eat the chickens, but consume the feathers as well, leaving the ground strewn with neatly picked bones. Pigeons and especially squabs come in for the same fate, although the older pigeons stand the best chance of escape. Climbing trees they ravage the nests of the birds, which, with flutterings and piteous cries, fly from them.

When the invading army selects a time for arrival in which their approach is still to be detected before the light entirely fades from the sky, the chickens show brave fight, in turn devouring as many as possible of their attackers, and endeavoring to stamp off the Drivers crawling up their legs.

Should there be meat in the family larder this is discovered and rapaciously eaten by the ants. But as the missionary supplies of meat as a rule are sent them in cans, damage from the Drivers in this line is inconsiderable.

In the building of their homes they are as queer as in other respects. Their habitat is generally against the side of a tree, where they construct from the soil a marvelously clever mud or clay house in the form of successive umbrellas gradually increasing in size. The top one frequently is from four to five feet above the ground. Each umbrella marks the roof of one of the floors or apartments and projecting considerably over the stem effect, in which the living quarters are arranged, acts as a water-shed.—*New York Times.*

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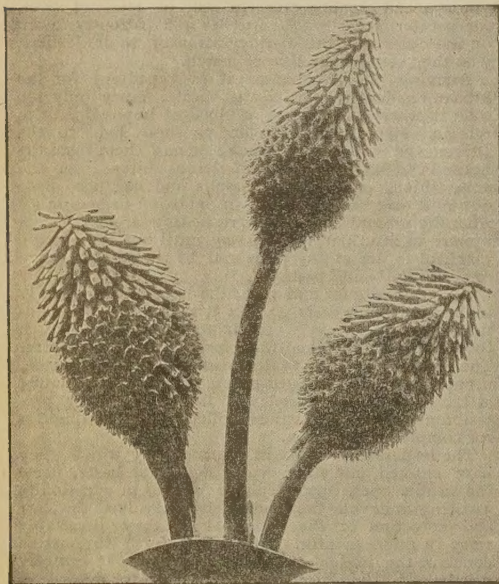
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The Kniphofia or Tritoma.

BY FLORENCE BECKWITH.

THE Kniphofia has long been cultivated in gardens under the name of Tritoma, and it is still most generally known by that appellation. It is always a little hard to call old friends by new names, but, of course, it can be done when necessary, though the old ones will undoubtedly come first to our minds and lips. A new common name, the Flame Flower, is so much



KNIPHOFIA PFITZERI.

more poetical while surely quite as applicable and descriptive as the old one, the Red Hot Poker, that it is to be hoped it will supersede the latter entirely. Torch Lily is another common name.

The Kniphofias are among the most brilliant and conspicuous plants in the garden or shrubbery. The strong flower stems of the taller species, three feet or more in height surmounted by curious red and orange, tubular, pendant blossoms are very striking. They do indeed glow like a flame and are the very gayest of autumn flowers. They should be planted in clumps or masses, and while they make a most gorgeous bed, they show to the best advantage when planted among shrubbery. When given a background of evergreens, they produce a splendid effect, the dark green of the trees showing off the brilliant hues of the flowers to the best possible advantage.

The Flame Flowers like best a moist location, and consequently make fine subjects for the margins of ponds or lakes, but they should be planted above the water level. They will flourish quite satisfactorily, however, in common garden soil if given water freely in dry weather. Sometimes in a very hot, dry season they will not bloom until the fall rains come, when they make a rapid growth and blossom brilliantly until cold weather, furnishing one of the finest ornamental features of the garden. They should not be planted in shady locations, as they enjoy the full sunshine. They are not considered quite hardy in cold climates, and it is best to give them considerable protection in winter, and where the weather is very severe they should be taken up and kept in a pit or cool cellar, buried in sand.

In planting, the crown should be placed about three inches below the surface in very cold climates. The old leaves should not be removed in the spring until a little new growth has been made, and at this time a supply of well-rotted manure should be given them.

There are more than thirty species and varieties of Kniphofias under cultivation. Not all of them are tall, and the dwarfier species make fine borders and are also adapted to the rock garden. The blossoms of some of them are white, there are also lemon-yellow and crimson ones, but these are not as showy and attractive as the brighter colored species.

One of the finest varieties, and a great improvement on the common, old-fashioned sort, is Pfitzeri. It is truly gorgeous. The flower spikes are produced in greater profusion than in the old kind, and sometimes reach four and a half feet in height. The heads of bloom are over twelve inches long, of a rich orange-scarlet shading to salmon rose on the edge. Even after the lower, first-opened blossoms have faded

they are not unsightly.

Wherever planted, in a mass, as a border to a bed of Cannas, or scattered in clumps among shrubbery, the Kniphofias add grace and brightness to the garden from the first of July all through the summer, and in the fall, when more tender plants are seared by the frost, they are still in their glory. If you want something bright and attractive, something that will draw attention to your garden and call forth exclamations of praise and admiration, you should plant the Flame Flowers.

Narcissus Poeticus.

BY COUSIN DELIGHT.

We live in an age and a land of flowers. What a lack there would be in home surroundings if flowers—every bud and blossom—were left out.

From the very earliest snowdrop to the last nodding chrysanthemum how they cheer and brighten, helping the people of this old world on their way. And the sweet Narcissus Poeticus has its place.

There are many varieties of the Narcissus family. About the first to lift its lily-cup in springtime is the trumpet-flowered, pushing up soon after the Yellow Crocus has its bonnet on, but it is not the poeticus.

This delicate, lovely bloom is one of the flowers of May in temperate latitudes opening often in New England before the month is half gone.

The ground should be well mellowed before the bulbs are set. Too much stress cannot be laid upon this condition in the setting of all bulbs. Spade deeply, turning the soil again and again.

This Narcissus will grow in any garden soil. It does not stand upon the manner of its growing like some higher-priced bulbs, but just lives, and grows, and blooms year after year in the same spot, never minding cold or heat or continued neglect. Narcissus poeticus is very pretty for borders.

The many, large, single, white flowers, round and "starry-eyed" with the daintily-colored centers always win admiration, while their fragrant sweetness recommends them more than their delicate beauty.

They are good keepers as cut flowers, combining beautifully in bouquets with the gay and festive tulip, also with the purple lilac.

When Narcissus bulbs have grown many years in one spot it is well to separate them changing to a different part of the garden. This will stimulate to fresh growth, and they will bud and bloom with a new lease of life.

If one is unacquainted with this beautiful flower of springtime, it will amply repay to cultivate it.

The pleasure and satisfaction of a spring garden is becoming more and more a reality to flower-lovers.

You need not wait for the seedlings of summer, or even the early summer shrubs and Roses.

March, April and May will give many lovely blossoms with very little trouble to the gardener. If you have never had a spring garden, six months before date is the time to make it.

A few dollars or even one invested in spring bulbs will pay in dividends that many may enjoy after the winter storms are passed.

And the flower I have described should be one. When I add that the Narcissus poeticus is none other than the "White daffy" of country gardens it will be quickly recognized by many readers.



NARCISSUS POETICUS

A Good Fertilizer.

BY FLORA LEE.

The recipe for this home-made plant food is not original, but I have experimented with it successfully, and believe there are many flower growers to whom it is new. For a quantity, procure five pounds of medium sized bones; scrape and clean. Empty a can of Babbitt's potash into an earthen jar; pour three pounds of water over it and stir; when dissolved put in bones and stand away. Stir occasionally. In four to six weeks the lye will have eaten the bones, leaving a paste-like soft soap. Apply to flowering pot plants once a week in proportion of one tablespoonful to three or four quarts of water. This is a good fertilizer to make plants bloom.

Wintering Tea Roses.

BY EMMA CLEARWATERS.

I had the pleasure, about the first of May, of seeing a bed of tea roses that had wintered finely; scarcely a bit of the wood was killed, and the shoots and stems were in full leaf; the protection was removed about the 20th of April.

A frame was built around the bed some two feet high at the south, sloping to less than a foot at the north. The entire space in this frame was filled with forest leaves, fixed in snugly all around the little bushes which were trimmed but slightly. Over this a tight board cover was placed. The frame was of slats nailed near enough together to hold the leaves, yet allow of a circulation of air, and the protection was placed on after a sharp frost, but before a freeze. Of course the leaves were dry. The roses came out in fine shape and I shall profit by the sight in this winter's protection of my plants. Don't hesitate to procure tea roses when they can be wintered so easily.



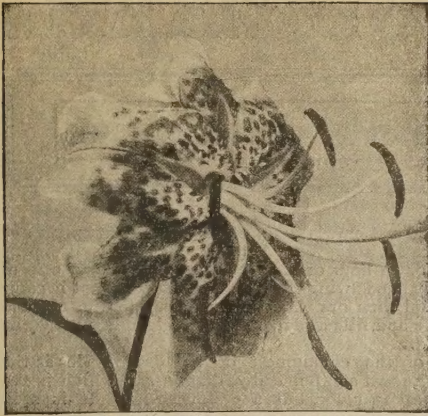
A BED OF SOUPERT ROSES.

Fall Work.

BY HERBERT GREENSMITH.

We should now be thinking of clearing up our beds and borders. It is time to plant hardy perennials and to divide those which have become too large or overgrown, and especially those favorites which we desire to increase. Thoroughly manure the border, spade it up, but be careful not to cut nor mutilate the roots of those plants which you do not wish to remove. This work I generally do with a spading fork, replanting again as soon as possible, in order to let the plants get firmly settled in the ground again and produce new roots, which they readily do at this season of the year, before hard freezing weather sets in. As soon as you think the ground is frozen hard enough to be likely to remain so, in the latter part of November or early in December, mulch your beds with light, strawy manure, or any other such

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LILLIUM SPECIOSUM RUBRUM.

Garden Lilies.

By LENNIE GREENLEE.



LILIES really hold a much warmer place in public favor than the tulips and hyacinths that are planted in such quantities every fall. They are planted more sparingly because their bulbs are more expensive and considered more difficult to grow. Yet it is easy to bloom lilies the first season or two. The difficulty lies in making permanent our plantings of them. As long as most of our lily bulbs are grown abroad this trouble will probably continue. American grown stock is much more generally successful and usually thrives as long as it is given intelligent care. Our nurserymen and florists are beginning to give the work more attention lately because of the general demand for home-grown bulbs.

The variety *Speciosum album* is one of the best Japanese sorts. It is pure white, with the exception of the yellow anthers, around the base of which there is a heavy white fringe. *Speciosum, rubrum,* and *Speciosum Opal* are somewhat lower-growing, but have flowers similarly formed, in various shades of pink and white. *Speciosum Opal* is especially dainty and pretty.

These Japanese lilies, like the Japs, are peculiar in their habits. They have strong, curving stems that unfold their upper leaves with no sign of a bud showing. The owner is apt to exclaim over a blighted flower-stalk. But wait! The stem divides, a blunt point at the tip of each division. These, in time, develop into buds and open into flowers of great beauty.

The largest-flowered lily in cultivation is *L. auratum*, the Golden-banded lily of Japan. This also, has a number of varieties, or color gradations, from the almost white flower, *L. auratum macranthum*, faintly banded with yellow, to the variety, *L. auratum vittatum*, with broad central bands of crimson. The flowers of the *auratum* often measure ten inches across when only a few are borne on a stem; as the number increases with the size of the bulb,—sometimes to eighty and more, the size of the blossoms diminishes, but they are still beautifully formed, colored and scented. This is the most fickle of all lilies, but so handsome that it is planted in large numbers yearly.

That the beautiful Easter or Bermuda lily is not hardy has long been a pet grievance with many gardeners. A lily that much resembles it, in form and fragrance, is the Japan *L. longiflorum*. This is much hardier and well suited to garden culture. It does not bloom as early as the Bermuda lily, and so more time is required in successfully forcing it for Easter.

A few species of lilies, *Candidum*, *Henryi* and the *Speciosums* among them, thrive in full sunshine, but most of the family like a partially shaded location, a soil rich in humus and well drained, deep planting and several years of undisturbed growth. Two feet of loam, well mixed with sharp sand makes a good bed for them; they also like leaf-mold in the soil. Any manures that are added to give fertility should be applied as mulches and should always be well decayed. Fall is the best time for planting, for, even if carefully packed, the bulbs lose much of their strength in any substance except soil. A good cushion of pure sand around the bulbs helps to preserve them in a healthful condition.

A comparatively new lily that is fine and sturdy in habit, handsome in flower, and that increases rapidly under cultivation is *L. Henryi*. Often its stems grow five feet high, carrying twenty or thirty orange-yellow flowers.

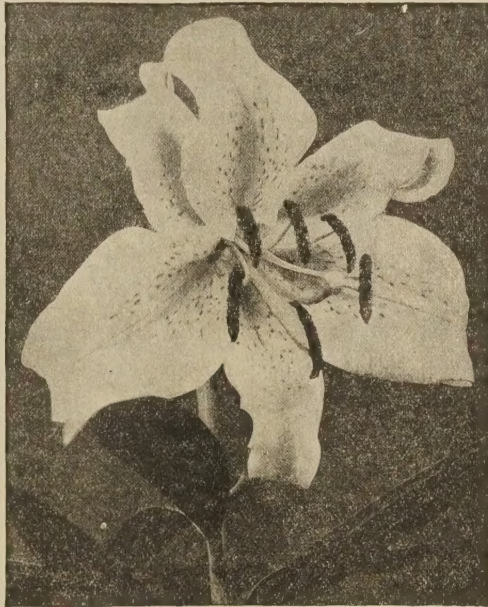
Some gardeners have better success with lilies grown in pots than with garden-planted ones. It is nice, also, to be able to move them about at will, sometimes bringing them into the house or porch for decoration, frequently massing them all together, or setting single fine stalks where shrub backgrounds show them to fine effect.

All the lilies thrive well with reasonable care in pots.

Some that are particularly useful when grown in this way are the early and pretty little scarlet-flowered Siberian lily, *L. tenuifolium*; *L. longiflorum* and all its varieties; *L. speciosum* and all its dainty, fringed white and pink varieties; and *L. auratum*, the magnificent Japanese lily. *L. callosum*, *L. testaceum* and other tall-stemmed sorts, are seldom grown in pots.

The pots used should be scrubbed thoroughly clean, and well drained. The best sizes are six inch pots and over, according to the number of bulbs to be placed in a pot. Well decayed, turfy loam, nicely broken up, without any of the fresh manure so often added is the best soil for lilies. A cushion of sand about them is also helpful. If the soil does not seem rich enough about them, a little old fine manure may be thoroughly mixed with or spread in a layer over the top of the soil. Flaky leaf-mold and sand are also frequently used successfully as a potting soil for lilies. One, two or three bulbs may be placed in a pot, covering them two or three inches deep. The work can be done at any time when lily bulbs are purchasable, but fall-potted bulbs will, of course, bloom earlier than those planted in winter or spring. February is as late as I like to plant them if I wish to be sure of bloom the first year.

The potted bulbs can be set in a cellar, frame, or even in a sunny fence corner in some latitudes,—anywhere convenient for covering them with leaves, ashes, or other material, deep enough to keep the soil in the pots moist, and to exclude frost. The bulbs must root slowly, and be brought to light only when well rooted. Hurrying them into growth is sure to spoil the flowers. Keep moderately moist while growing. Stake and tie neatly when necessary. The small, nodding vivid scarlet flowers of the little Siberian lily should open in May or June; the others follow in succession up to September and October.



LILLIUM AURATUM MACRANTHUM.

Notes from My Garden.

By F. S. GILBERT.

Arctotis grandis is a composite annual from South Africa. There are a number of species, some being greenhouse perennials with orange flower heads four inches across and the like, but the *grandis* succeeds in the open ground, a great robust plant that can bear some frost. Last spring I sent for its seeds and found it quite easy to grow, being sown in a pan and transplanted. It branches directly from the root and finally forms a great clump three feet high beginning to flower when quite small, and budding and blooming month after month.

The young leaves are almost as white with down as the plant called *Dusty Miller* but as they expand the down gets thinner. Still they never get very green. The leaves, very thick and fleshy, are intended to be cut something like those of a dandelion but no two are alike. The large round buds appear close to the earth at first but soon rise on a strong round stem drooping for a time so that stem and bud suggest the coiled frond of a fern but the flower looks upward. The rays are very long and narrow, purple stained in bud but white within, the disc is blue—a not very common tint in this order, the cornflower or blue bottle (*Centaurea*) and the flowers of the chicory being

the only ones I can recall just now—oh yes, some *Ageratums* have this tint also. These flowers close every night and generally in dull weather, making a long pointed bud. It is very likely a perennial in its native land. It does not form seed with me.

A seed catalogue from northern Michigan says the *Asparagus Sprengeri* is perfectly hardy in the open ground. How many of you knew this? I do not vouch for it. I have only grown it since last spring but I incline to think it true as it has stood some frost lately. A young shoot just coming up was nipped the other day but the older foliage was not touched the least. (The garden asparagus you know often loses its young stems in spring, iron clad as it is) and now in the house the *Sprengeri* is growing faster than ever, though water has frozen in the room more than once. It was discovered, they say, in South Africa and the garden asparagus is a native of the Mediterranean region also, though it comes in a wild state as far north as the south coast of England. So it may be presumed to be hardy until we certainly know to the contrary but don't try to winter it in its hanging basket out of doors! Set deeply and firmly in open ground it would have a better sight, as we say, and perhaps would come through all right. It is said to get eight or ten feet high in Italy, perhaps would do it here as a veranda vine set in the ground. How high do you think the garden asparagus would grow in the average hanging basket?

The Position of Plants.

A subscriber asks as to the best position for plants in a window, whether the same side of the plant should be kept toward the light and sun, or whether it should be turned occasionally.

It depends altogether on whether you wish a symmetrically developed plant which will look well on all sides and yield pleasure from all points of view, or whether you wish your window to look most attractive from the outside. In the first case you will turn your plants occasionally. In the last you will leave them in the same position all the time.

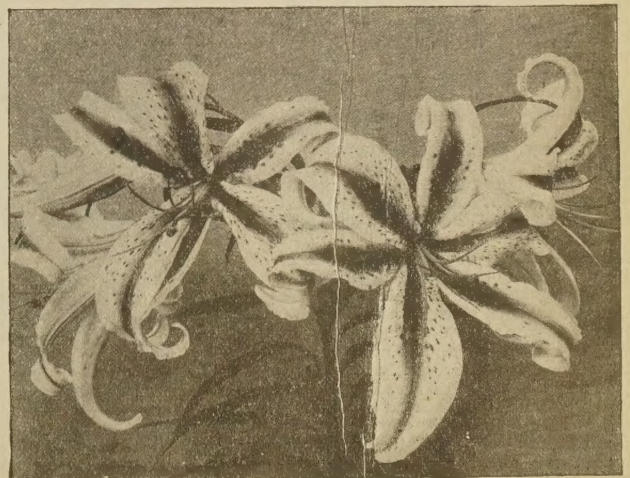
One lady of our acquaintance, an ardent lover of flowers, has long windows in her parlor, almost to the floor. She gives them up entirely to her plants. In each window is a plant stand filled with various choice specimens of different kinds. The plants get no direct sunshine, but they have good light and the sun's rays fall on them diagonally a part of the day. The plants grow vigorously, but they are never turned. Of course they grow towards the light and they soon form a beautiful wall of leaves and blossoms, for in growing they accommodate themselves to each other. The plants bloom abundantly and from the outside, particularly toward spring, the window is a mass of blossoms. Of course the greatest beauty is from the outside, but enough can be seen from the inside to afford a great deal of pleasure.

My mother always said that flowers looked the prettiest through glass, and she greatly enjoyed looking into her little conservatory from the outside, and I often think that she was right. Still, it all depends on what you will enjoy most in your plants; a single finely developed specimen will sometimes give as much pleasure as a whole window full of blossoms. F. B.

To Deepen Flower Pots.

By FLORA LEE.

When a Palm arrives by mail which has previously been grown in a deep pot, and one has nothing of the kind on hand, the deficiency may be overcome by fitting a strip of tin (the sides of a shallow salmon can will answer) around the inside at top of an ordinary flower pot.



LILLIUM AURATUM VITTATUM.

Through Fields and Woodlands



By N. Hudson Moore

Two of a Trade

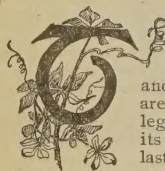
The dragon-fly and I together
Sail up the stream in pleasant weather;
He at the stern, all green and gold,
And I at the oars, our course to hold.

Above the floor of the level river
The bent blades dip and spring and quiver;
And the dragon-fly is here and there,
Along the water and in the air.

And thus we go as the sunshine mellows,
A pair of nature's merriest fellows;
For the Spanish cedar is light and true,
And instead of one it has carried two.

And thus we sail without care or sorrow
With trust for today and hope for tomorrow;
He at the stern, all green and gold,
And I at the oars, our course to hold.

—S. W. Duffield.



HE dragon-fly has been one of those creatures which has suffered from its appearance. To many people it is the image of all that is savage

and relentless, and there are no end of tales and legends which recount its evil ways. Its life lasts about a twelve-

month, and during the whole of that period it is relentless in its pursuit of other creatures smaller than itself, which it devours.

The greater part of its life is passed below the water in the larva and pupa states, and in these periods it lives upon the young mosquitoes and the larvae of other noxious insects. Really it is one of the most beneficent of insects, and barring its looks, which to many people are repulsive, it is one of those creatures which we could ill do without. When after a stay of eleven months below water, it comes to the surface, and casting off all restraint gives it self up to hunting, it takes on a name as fierce as it looks, and becomes a fearful thing to children, whose name for it is "Devil's Darning-needle."

After we have conquered our dislike to its repulsive appearance, which even its gay colors do not conceal, we are willing to concede to it many merits.

Take one of them in your hand and observe its build. He will not bite, though his jaws seem framed for nothing else, and he will not sting though his long and flexible tail seems to suggest that it was made for some such purpose. See its great jaws, its short weak neck, hunched back, and the legs, which seem of small use, drawn up beneath its breast. After these things are familiar, look at its beautiful wings, and then see if you can call a creature possessing such fairy-like appendages as these, homely. They are more beautiful than the most exquisite lace, for while that is merely white or black, these gleam with every color of the rainbow, showing through their delicate transparency the veins which thread them. The body though long, is light, and acts no doubt as a rudder to steer and steady its flight. The bodies in some of the numerous species are dressed in the brightest shades of color, and there is one small variety which has a tail of bright vermilion, making it look like a scarlet thread when it lights on a green leaf.

The eggs are laid in bunches and are attached to the stems of water plants, like rushes, or some submerged leaf. The eggs soon hatch, and a very active little larva is produced which has six legs and an enormous head which is provided with one pair of large eyes and as if these were not enough, with a small pair as well. But the most curious thing about the young larva or pupa of the dragon-fly, is the "mask"

as it is called, which covers up its great jaws. If you want to see how quickly this mask can be moved, wait till some unwary insect comes in view, and in a twinkling the jaws are unmasked, and ready for seizing.

As for getting about, the immature dragon-fly is amply provided; not only can it walk about on the bottom of the pond or pool in which it finds itself, but it has a patent syringe on the end of its body which enables it to discharge a stream of water which has the effect of propelling the insect forward. This same apparatus acts as the organ of respiration, as well as being of use in swimming.

The pupa, which is the next step in the development of the insect, differs little from the larva except that the wing pads are larger. It is still very active, and has not given up its habit of being a huge feeder, and many a young mosquito or gnat falls a victim of its jaws.

The change from larva to pupa is effected by moulting. When the skin grows too small it splits open along the back, the creature fastens its claws securely into some water plant, and gradually and with great effort works itself out of the larva skin. The details in the life of one of these insects is not very accurately known, for instance the exact period in which it remains in the larva state, but it is known that when the insect is almost ready to emerge into the perfect insect or dragon-fly, it crawls up to the surface of the water on some plant. Here it remains till it is ready to emerge, and then once more the skin of the back

splits and out crawls the perfect insect, very weak and flabby to be sure, and here it stays with drooping wings for an hour or more till the fluids dry out of its body and wings and till they harden and become crisp, and then our Dragon-fly rises into the air and sunshine and flits away, a creature gleaming in green and gold.

One of the commonest of the dragon-flies is the species known as the Ruby dragon-fly, which is not ruby at all in color, but a yellowish-red. It is seen everywhere flying over pools and wet spots, and it frequents as well sunny woods and open glades. I find it often in the woods, and have counted fifty at a time on a pile of brush in an open spot in the woods, and it looks strangely enough to see them resting on the ends of the twigs like so many flowers, if you can ever liken one of these things to a flower.

They are and seem to be the hawks of the insect world, and their method of flight reminds you of these birds, when they pounce upon some unwary gnat that is flying leisurely through the air, and is suddenly seized and devoured before it knows exactly what has happened to it.

The government has for a long time had naturalists studying these insects, their habits and modes of life, and the result of these investigations is to be embodied in a report, to be issued when the data are complete. Then we shall know many things in their life history which are now not definitely known, and their beneficent character will be more fully understood and appreciated.

The males and females of the different species vary in appearance, in some cases, like that of the Berenice, the female being the handsomer of the two. Many of the varieties have spotted wings, the Three-spotted dragon-fly, having the most broadly spotted wings of any of them. It might better be called three-banded, so wide and prominent are the spots.

Alfred Tennyson, who was almost as good a naturalist as he was poet, in his "Two Voices," thus describes the metamorphosis of the dragon fly.

To-day I saw a dragon-fly
Come from the wells where he did lie.
An inner impulse rent the veil
Of his old husk; from head to tail
Came out clear plates of sapphire mail.
He dried his wings; like gauze they grew;
Through crofts and pastures wet with dew
A living flash of light he flew.

A Dream of Autumn

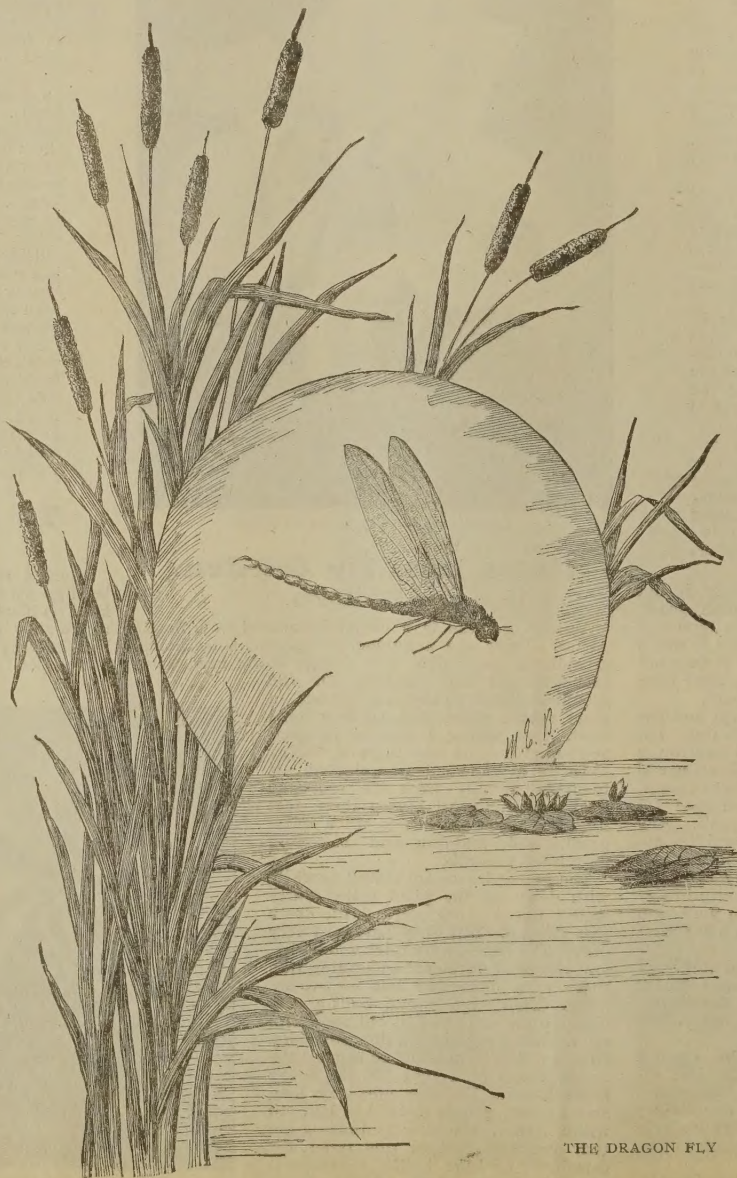
Mellow hazes, lowly trailing,
Over wood and meadow, veiling
Somber skies, with wildfowl sailing
Sailor-like to foreign lands;
And the north-wind overlapping
Summer's brink, and floodlike sweeping
Wrecks of roses where the weeping
Willows wring their helpless hands.

Flared, like Titan torches flinging
Flakes of flame and embers, springing
From the vale the trees stand swinging
In the moaning atmosphere;
While in dead'ning-lands the lowing
Of cattle, sadder growing,
Fills the sense to overflowing
With the sorrow of the year.

Sorrowfully, yet the sweeter
Sings the brook in rippled meter
Under boughs that lithely teeter
Lorn birds, answering from the shores
Through the viny, shady-shiny
Interspaces, shot with tiny
Flying motes that fleck the viny
Wave-engraven sycamores.

Rich as wine, the sunset flashes
Round the tilted world, and dashes
Up the sloping west and splashes
Red foam over sky and sea—
Till my dream of Autumn, paling
In the splendor all-prevailing,
Like a fallow leaf goes sailing
Down the silence solemnly.

—James Whitcomb Riley.



THE DRAGON FLY

FOR THE CHILDREN

Little Wood Thrush.

BY H. E. HAYDOCK.

THE sun was setting when Little Wood Thrush took his first glimpse of the world. He was livelier and more restless than his brother or sisters, so when his father, perched on a twig high up in the tree, was singing his beautiful song of happiness, while the slanting sunlight glistened on his glossy brown coat, Little Wood Thrush managed to look over the side of the nest.

It was a lovely glade he looked down upon. Pretty mosses, grasses and ferns grew in it while bushes and small trees surrounded and helped hide it from view. On one side a small brook went tinkle, tinkle over some mossy stones.

Little Wood Thrush longed to fly down beside the brook and hop about among the ferns and grasses, but his wings were not as yet quite strong enough, so he sighed and looked no longer. He went to sleep thinking of the glade and of how next day he would see it again and soon be able to fly about in it with his parents.

The next day, however, opened dark and stormy, the wind rushed through the trees and the rain fell fast. His father and mother took turns standing over the nest with wings stretched out so as to keep it as dry as possible. They could not keep off all the rain and Little Wood Thrush was quite wet. The tree rocked fearfully and it was well his parents had built the nest very strong of twigs and moss cemented together with mud, or else it had been dashed to the ground.

At last when the storm subsided all went to sleep, thoroughly worn out.

The next day his father and mother had to hurry away early to look for food, for they had had little chance to get any during the storm. His father, however, did not forget to sing his morning song before starting, for he always sang the first thing in the morning and the last thing at night.

No sooner had they gone than Little Wood Thrush's sister Olive, who was quite vain, began to tell how she could fly if she had not been forbidden. She had often talked in that way before so they did not pay much attention to what she said. Angered by their silence she suddenly hopped on the edge of the nest, spread her wings and sprang off. The others in great fright watched her. She tried hard to fly but her wings were not strong enough and she fluttered to the ground. She had not been there long when a black snake stole out from the bushes and seized her.

That night Little Wood Thrush and his brother and sister listened to a long talk from his heart broken parents who told them they must never disobey, as there were numbers of enemies that had to be guarded against. Later a huge owl flew by but as the thrushes kept very still he did not notice them.

Soon after this Little Wood Thrush had his first lesson in flying and a sorry time he had of it. He flew or rather fluttered from one branch to another, but his wings were not quite strong enough to bear him upward and so he came nearer and nearer the ground. At last in trying to get from tree to tree he made a mistake and fell to the earth. He lay perfectly still as he had been told to do, and being motionless, the color of his feathers made him look like a little brown stone. He was terribly frightened when a being he had never seen before, a man, suddenly appeared. His mother tried to get the man to follow her by pretending to be hurt, and fluttering among the grasses, but all he did was to look closely at the ground until he spied Little Wood Thrush.

When the man caught him Little Wood Thrush's heart almost stopped beating, but instead of taking him away from the beautiful glade the man reached up in the tree and set him on a branch. "You will be safer there," he said.

Little Wood Thrush and his brother and sister could all fly at last, and jolly times they had hopping about on the ground for worms, and hunting among the trees and bushes for insects. They were growing to look very much like their parents, with reddish-brown backs, and with dull white breasts spotted with dark brown,

and besides this were becoming more graceful and dignified in bearing.

After a time the thrush family said goodbye to the beautiful glade for the young birds must fly longer distances to get their wings strong for the journey South.

In the woods and fields they met other families of Wood Thrush. These joined them until quite a large flock was formed. One cold, clear October day they started on their long journey South, and Wood Thrush, little no longer, began life in earnest.

A Cat Story with a Moral for Grown-ups.

THE ADOPTED KITTEN.

"O mamma, mayn't I stay home from school and 'muse Nellie this morning, 'cause she feels so bad?" Susie cried, rushing into the breakfast-room.

Mamma didn't hear at first.

She was rocking baby and giving three-year-old Robbielis breakfast and telling Mrs. Clay from next door

But presently, with loving pats and soft caresses, the little girls restored her treasures to her, and scampered off to the barn to hunt eggs.

Into all the usual nooks and corners they peered, then scrambled up on the hay papa had bought three days before, and Susie cuddled down in it, making believe she was a bird, and trying to chirp.

But suddenly Nellie asked: "Why, Susie, did you bring one of the kittens out? I hear a mewling."

They scrambled over to the other side, listened again, looked all about, but could find nothing. "She's got a hole away down in the hay—r else slipped down itself. Kitty! Kitty!"

Still no answer, but faint, distressed mewling that brought tears to Nellie's eyes. "It's lost," she said, "and it's so little and crying for its mother. Can't we get it out?"

"Why, it can't see out of its eyes; they are so full of dust," Nellie said pityingly. "And how thin it is, and so rough! It looks as if it was 'most starved to death."

And Susie exclaimed: "Why-ee, it isn't one of our kitties at all!"

"Why, Susie! Whose is it, then?"

"I don't know. But it's littler than Furry-purry's, and bluer—and hers are so plump, and this looks as if it never had anything to eat. It's most like hers, but it ain't. Let's go and show it to mamma."

Mamma looked at it curiously. "No, it's not Furry-purry's. Looks as if it were part Maltese. Found it in the hay, you say? Then it must be Mr. Dean's cat had her nest in this hay-stack, and he loaded it with the rest of the hay without knowing it. Take it to Furry-purry. She may take it for one of her own and take care of it. That is the only thing we can do," mamma said.

Susie carried the kitten tenderly out on the steps and called, "Furry-purry! Kitty! Kitty!"

Furry-purry came running, expecting something to eat. Susie set the kitten down, and stepped back. Mamma came to the door to see.

But Furry-purry paid no attention. Then mamma told the little girls to put it with the other kittens and leave it. When they had done so and had run away, Furry-purry went back to her hiding place.

The little girls followed, and peered under the brush-pile, presently returning to report that Furry-purry had taken the waif to her bosom, was nursing it, and gently washing the dust out of its blinded eyes with her soft tongue, as if it were her very own. "She's 'dopted it," Susie said. "I didn't know cats were so good."

"Mammias have tender hearts," smiled papa. "Hello, here's Davis from the poorhouse! What does he want here?"

Nellie knew. The light faded from her eyes, a great sob rose in her throat.

Mamma saw the big tears flooding her eyes again, and gathered the forlorn little figure in her arms.

"He has come for this motherless little girl," she said, with a queer little shake in her voice. "But we can't be outdone in Christianity by a cat. Please go tell him he can't

have her. We'll take care of her."

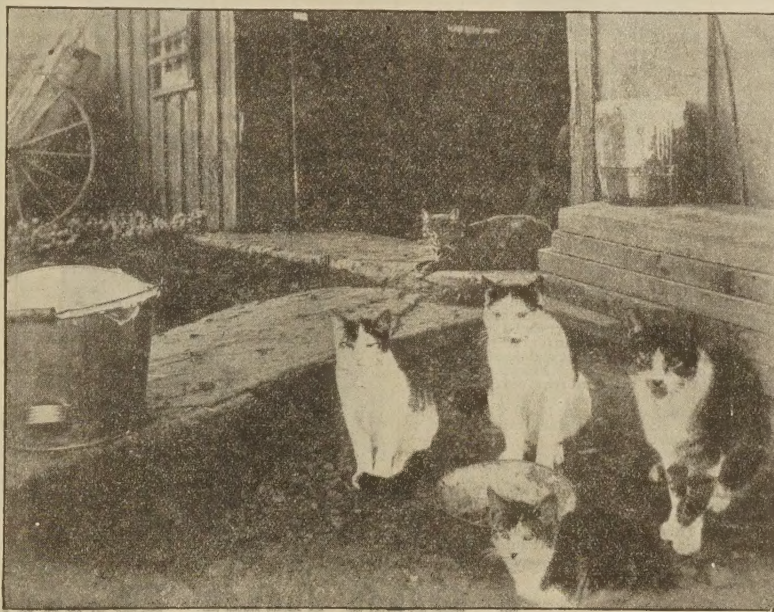
"Well," he said, "all she will eat and wear won't cost very much, and the work mainly comes on you. Just as you say, only don't work yourself to death."

"She will help, and teach Minnie and Susie to be more helpful," said mamma. "And, any way, we can't be out-done by Furry-purry."—*Selected.*

Nutting in October.

Who has no sunshine in his heart
May call the autumn sober;
But boys with pulses leaping wild,
Should love the brown October.
Along the lake and on the hill
The ruddy oaks are glowing,
And merry winds are out at night,
Through all the forests blowing.
Hurrah, the nuts are dropping ripe
In all the wildwood bowers;
We'll climb as high as squirrels go,
We'll shake them down in showers.

—Emily Huntington Miller



Milking Time.

BY JAMES MELVIN LEE.

No picture of my boyhood days can e'er delight me more, Than of the cats at milking time beside the old barn door. So long as they could hear the milk go swishing in the pail, Without a sound did each one sit and gently wave his tail. But when, at last, the milking done, you started for the house, The cats all followed you as close as though you were a mouse. Then like a chorus, swelling loud, did their m-e-o-w-s begin, Continuing until their dish was filled up to the brim. But when they took their place again beside the old barn door, One wild one always sat inside, away from the other four.

how she made gooseberry pies, not forgetting to see that Willie got his hair properly combed for school, and directing forgetful Minnie about her lunch; so perhaps it was no wonder Susie had to pull her arm and repeat her question.

"It's Nellie Wilson, mamma. The poorhouse man is coming over for her this morning, 'cause she hasn't anywhere to go now. Her mamma and papa are dead, and Nellie's awful 'fraid. She just sits crying and crying, and mis'rab'le as she can be; and can't I stay home and 'muse her? Maybe I won't ever have another chance."

"The poor little thing! Yes, I suppose so."

Susie was dragging the forlorn little figure in shabby black out to the brush-pile, where Furry-purry had hidden her kittens.

"She dosen't mind our looking at 'em," she said, eagerly reaching under the brush for one.

"It's the boys and dogs she hid 'em from. Look, aren't they pretty? 'Most big enough to drink milk for themselves now. My, I guess Furry-purry will be glad when they can, 'cause they're so hungry and she's so little that mamma says they most eat her up alive. Just look how thin and poor she is!"

Home Dressmaking HINTS BY MAY MANTON.

For Early Autumn.

Broadcloth so soft and pliable as to be known as the chiffon sort makes ideal costumes for early fall and is eminently fashionable. This very effective waist shows the material in copper color trimmed with heavy lace dyed to match and tie of chiffon velvet. The narrow vest and the chemisette make two of the latest features of the season and the tie is both novel and graceful. The quantity of material required for the medium size is $4\frac{1}{2}$ yards 21, $4\frac{3}{4}$ yards 27 or $2\frac{3}{4}$ yards 44 inches wide, with 4 yards of banding $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide and $\frac{3}{4}$ yards of velvet. The pattern 4795 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.



Pattern No. 4795.

A Pretty Afternoon Waist.

Pretty blouses are always in demand for afternoon wear both with the odd skirt and for the entire gown. This one suits both purposes and can be made from any of the fashionable materials but is shown in pale green chiffon taffeta with the yoke of tucked mousseline and trimming of fancy braid, the bertha being made of the material finished with bias folds. The style of the waist is an excellent one and the fact that it closes invisibly at the front will commend it to many wearers. The quantity of material required for the medium size is 5 yards 21, $4\frac{1}{2}$ yards 27 or $2\frac{3}{4}$ yards 44 inches wide, with 1 yard of tucking for yoke and cuffs. The pattern 4817 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.



Pattern No. 4817.

With A Novel Yoke.

Yokes of all sorts are greatly in vogue and this one with its deep points is peculiarly effective and smart. In the case of the model it is made of all-over lace banded with embroidered silk while the material of the blouse itself is white crepe de Chine, but anything that is soft enough to be made full suits the blouse and the yoke can be of any all-over that may be preferred. The trimming of heavy lace that outlines the yoke and forms the sleeve caps is effective but by no means essential and can be omitted whenever a plainer effect is desired. The quantity of material required for the medium size is 4 yards 21, $3\frac{1}{2}$ yards 27 or $2\frac{3}{4}$ yards 44 inches wide, with 1 yard of all-over lace. The pattern 4808 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.

Dotted Crepe With Embroidery.

No material makes prettier simple waists than the dotted wool crepe shown in this very attractive model. As illustrated the color is pale blue and the trimming bands of Oriental embroidery



Pattern No. 4808.

but the color can be varied to suit individual needs and the banding can be anything that may be preferred. The waist is simply full and shirred over a fitted foundation, the fullness below the yoke effect being arranged to form box plaits. The closing is made invisibly at the back. The quantity of material required for the medium size is $5\frac{1}{2}$ yards 21, $5\frac{3}{4}$ yards 27 or $3\frac{3}{4}$ yards 44 inches wide, with $2\frac{1}{4}$ yards of banding. The pattern 4803 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.

With A Scarf Effect.

Odd and novel waists always are in demand both for the odd blouse and the entire gown. This one combines maize colored chiffon taffeta with cream lace and is trimmed with fancy banding. The model is a most graceful one and includes a scarf that gives a stole effect and at the edge of which the invisible closing is made. The quantity of material required for the medium size is 5 yards 21, $4\frac{1}{2}$ yards 27 or $2\frac{3}{4}$ yards 44 inches wide, with $\frac{7}{8}$ yards of all-over lace. The pattern 4824 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.

For Stormy Days.

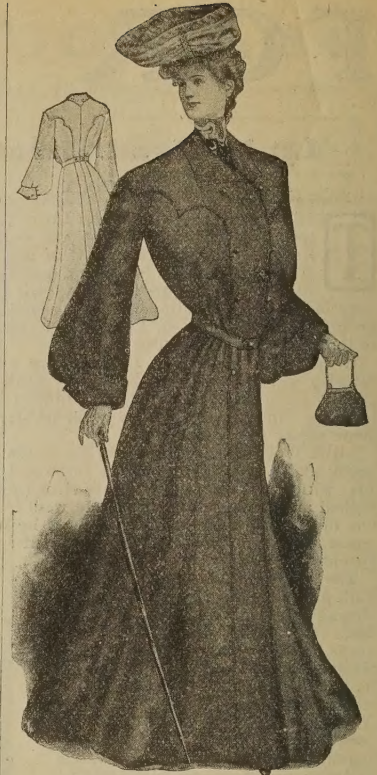
Rain coats that are smart in cut and style at the same time that they are protective are among the comforts of life that no woman should be without. This one is suited to all waterproof material and amply fulfills all requirements, As



Pattern No. 4803.



Pattern No. 4824.



Pattern No. 4778.

illustrated it is made of Oxford gray cravenette cloth and is finished with stitching in tailor style. The quantity of material required for the medium size is 6 yards 44 or $5\frac{1}{2}$ yds. 58 in. wide when material has figure or nap; $4\frac{1}{2}$ yds. 58 in. when material has neither figure nor nap. The pattern 4778 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.

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The Household

The Birthday Party.

BY JOSEPHINE WORTHINGTON.

What shall we do for the birthday party? That is a question often on the mother's council table. By considerable thoughtful planning and labor, the willing co-operation of all the family and a very little outlay of money—we can give one of those good times that memory loves to cherish.

A favorite flower may serve as the motif of color and decoration. The pansy is taken as an illustration although any other favorite can be worked out as well according to the season and supply. Invitations can be cut from heavy white unruled letter paper in the shape of a pansy and large enough to just fit a square envelope. Perhaps one sister can undertake the making of the invitations and caps.

For the paper caps buy two kinds of tissue paper, violet and white—making an equal number of each color, cut two pieces like the pattern and paste the edges together; they must be large enough to fit nicely on the head. The alternate colors around the table give a pretty effect.

the children who caught him or her, then calls out "Buttercup." The children understand that buttercup instead of daffodil is the word so they make the lines "We're looking about for a buttercup" etc. Each child tries to be ready with the name of some flower and the game may close when each child flower has been "found."

For older children there is a "Floral Game" in Sarah Cutler's book of Conundrums which would be good to play in the house. The story contains blank spaces which each one tries to fill out with the name of a flower.

A young man named — and his friend — invited Miss — and Miss — to go fishing. They a — at — before the sun brought forth the —. After preparing a lunch of — and candied — and — they called for the young ladies who wore — gowns trimmed with —. Their — said they must not go with out a chaperon so Aunt — offered her services. Her gown was black silk with —. It was a beautiful spring day and

now and then as they walked along they stopped and picked — to trim their hats. When they came to the woods — said "Oh don't go that way for the — around and the — out." On arriving at the river — gave each a — with a — and they baited them with the —; then they took their — and placed them on the — where they spent the day fishing amid much enjoyment. Finally as they started for home they met a friend and as he went to shake Marguerite's — white hand, he slipped on — beneath her dainty—. A — "O —" which so embarrassed the young man that he turned away with a — exclaiming — I am going to be — and shall forever more wear a —.

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| 1. Sweet William | 18. cowslips |
| 2. Jonquil | 19. bulrushes |
| 3. Marigold | 20. Jonquil |
| 4. Marguerite | 21. goldenrod |
| 5. rose | 22. dandelion (dandy linè) |
| 6. four o'clock | 23. catch fly |
| 7. morning glory | 24. toad stools |
| 8. milk weed | 25. burdock |
| 9. violet | 26. lily |
| 10. rose | 27. acorn |
| 11. daisy | 28. lady slipper |
| 12. pink | 29. yellow rose |
| 13. poppy | 30. Johnny jump up |
| 14. chrysanthemum | 31. bleeding heart |
| 15. pansy blossoms | 32. forget me not |
| 16. bell flowers | 33. Jack in the pulpit |
| 17. Marguerite | 34. bachelor's button |
- Candy.—A very simple home-made candy can be made from the following recipe: Three cups of granulated sugar;



Design for Paper Cap.

The candy boxes may be undertaken by one of the children who paints easily—make them from plain writing paper, tint the petals a delicate violet shade, paint the face in colors, fold and paste the sides of the box and when filled, tie with white baby ribbon. Have them all ready on a tray for the youngest brother or sister to distribute as the guests depart.

This will be found a better way than to give them at the supper table for (Continued on page eleven.)



Design for Candy Box.

Games—It is well to have plenty of games planned in reserve for a possible rainy day. One of the older children can undertake the responsibility of this and have them all written out several days before the party. To break up formality and shyness when the children first arrive, have slips of paper with the name of a flower and a number; pin one on the back of each person upon entering the room and announce that they must find out their names by asking questions as "Do I live in the woods?" "Have I pink blossoms?" etc. When all have arrived, pass around some sliced names of flowers to be matched like he-lio-trope, dan-de-lion, etc. Some well known games can follow this: Needle's Eye, Magic Bridge, Drop the Handkerchief, etc., preferably out of doors. A game called "Flower" would also be appropriate. Two stand opposite and raise joined hands, those forming the ring pass under while all keep saying or singing—

"We're looking about for a daffodil.
A daffodil, a daffodil.
We're looking about for a daffodil
We've found one here."
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HANDMADE SWEATERS.

This winter, when the snow is on the ground and the cold sends us close to the fireside on the long evenings, in the hands of most of us will be found a sweater, growing larger and larger beneath our fingers. For all are learning or have learned to make them; never were the women of the country so completely of one mind, never was the desire for some one article so universal as is the desire for the sweater today.

It is natural, therefore, that many new designs should constantly be appearing,



Boy's Russian Blouse

among them elaborate sweaters for dressy wear, sweaters for school, rough and ready sweaters for sports, sweaters that are out-door garments, pure and simple, and all the other kinds of sweaters.

Among them all, the plain, the elaborate, the heavy, the light, the braided twist sweater continues to lead, deservedly so, for no other stitch displays its beauty, with the broad lines gradually tapering at the waist line, securing to the figure the trimness one sees on the new imported gowns, the trimness that predicts the downfall of the shirtwaist if American women do not rebel.

The braided twist sweater is knitted of Spanish Yarn, sometimes of Golf Yarn, if a heavier garment is preferred. Two pairs of needles are used for it, a pair of large steel knitting needles, and a larger pair of rubber or bone. The fine needles are used for the belt, cuffs, and collar, which is high; the remainder is knit rather loosely on the larger needles. The sweater blouses slightly in front, and has sleeves that bell below the elbows.

A new sweater that is unusual because of its fitted back, and the fronts that have nothing more than the merest suspicion of a blouse. It is made of Golf Yarn, and is intended to be worn beneath a light jacket throughout the winter. For this reason it is



Cable Twist Sweater for a Child

rather severe in appearance—made of a thick rib, excepting just in front, where it closes under a broad double hem that has a cable twist on each side. The high collar, the cuffs, and the belt are worked in raspberry stitch, and the sleeves are tight fitting to prevent their being troublesome. Large

pearl buttons are placed down the front, for closing.

For the little maid off to school there is the cable twist sweater, made just like mother's, blousing, bell sleeves and all. It is of Spanish Yarn also, knit on the same needles. The illustration shows one intended for the little eight-year-old maid.

Among the crocheted sweaters, the bolero sweater is undoubtedly the most novel. It is made in the single crochet stitch and is really a very simple affair. It bears, however, little resemblance to crocheting, appearing instead much like a beautiful, silky imported fabric, this result being secured by the combined use of four fold Zephyr Germantown and mercerized cotton for working.

The two materials are never used in the same color. Two different colors are selected, care being taken to have them blend prettily. In the original model an excellent effect was secured by using a deep shade of hunter green Zephyr Germantown and a medium shade of old rose mercerized cotton. Another splendid combination was a medium shade of tan Zephyr Germantown with which a light shade of bright green mercerized cotton was introduced.

The bolero sweater is intended to be used as an outside garment, pure and simple, and for that reason it has bell sleeves, short, and unconfined by a cuff. They are worn above dress sleeves of the more dressy character. The neck of the bolero is without a collar, the garment being exceedingly low in front.

A crocheted blouse sweater is made in the afghan and star stitches in wavy ribs.



The Braided Twist Sweater

It is a rather dressy garment, low of neck to allow of the wearing of fancy neckwear. Its decidedly novel feature is the sleeve which consists of two distinct parts—a tight fitting upper portion, finishing at the elbow with a series of square scallops, and a lower portion puffed and gathered in under a tight wristband. The sleeves are so arranged that the lower portion may be worn or not, as preferred.

In a display of sweaters one hardly expects to see a Russian blouse for the small boy; but here it is, made in the reversed afghan stitch in the simplest kind of a way. Spanish Yarn in the natural color may be successfully used for making it, trimmed with bands of cream white; or a pretty shade of dark cardinal looks equally well, or a medium shade of mixed gray. With any of them a white kid belt may be worn.

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THE HOUSEHOLD.

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young folks sometimes forget the law of moderation and consume the contents of the box on the spot instead of taking them home for souvenirs as the intention is.

Giving of Prizes—It is a disputed point, whether playing for prizes gives pleasure to the greatest number. Some think the simpler games are preferable and treating all alike with a good time and some little souvenir like the box of candy or a fan or any trifle is a better way.

Menu—The little child's question, "When is my birthday cake coming?" suggests the real interest in the day—and it also contains a warning not to have too much, as many mothers know from experience with the banana, lemonade, ice cream, three kinds of cake and peanut combination which brings unhappiness the day after the party—just as "candy colds" generally follow the Christmas celebration. The desire to give children all the things they are fond of, needs to be spread out over several birthdays. Simplicity and a healthful combination are what must be striven for.

Parker House rolls, brown bread and butter, creamed potatoes, minced chicken, milk or cocoa, angel cake and peach sherbet—this ought not to cause trouble if plenty of time is taken at the table. If a frosted cake is desired, bake in a tube loaf, frost and decorate with tiny violet colored candies. One large candle can be made to fit in the center with a frill of white tissue paper around to hold it in place or the requisite number of small candles may be used. When supper is ready have the children form in line according to the numbers given with the flower name, march around through hall, parlor and once around the dining room table so as to bring each one at the designed place. Riddles can be given to help along the conversation.

Some Good Recipes.

BY EMMA CLEARWATERS.

Fried Salt Fish—To avoid the softness, and breaking apart of the fishes, scale carefully, soak in cold water, ice water if obtainable, and keep in a cool place. Soak ten or twelve hours in water, proportioned so there will be a half gallon of water to each fish; ten minutes before frying, remove from water and drain; wrap carefully in fine cornmeal and fry in hot tallow. Keep the fish as hot as possible without burning, turn as soon as nicely browned. Do not have much tallow in the spider at a time, replenishing as needed; turn with a cake turner. Avoid crowding in the spider, and the fish should not be broken. They are much firmer when fried in tallow than in lard.

Tomato Salad—Pour boiling water over firm, ripe fruit, pour off and cover at once with cold water, remove skin, and slice in nice even slices with a sharp knife, arrange on a flat glass dish or plate, sprinkling each slice with salt and pepper. A very attractive dish.

Good Cake—Beat the whites and yolks of three eggs separately, adding a half cup of sugar to each of the parts, mix together, add a teaspoonful of butter, a large cup of flour in which one and one-half teaspoonfuls of baking powder have been added, then a cup of good sweet cream. Flavor to suit. Bake in a well greased cake tin in a moderate oven until a straw comes out clean.

Stuffed Cabbage—Cut the heart out of a nice solid head, fill the space with a dressing made from chopped meat, chicken, beef or ham, a few bread crumbs, and yolks of three eggs, season well, mix, tie the cabbage firmly together and boil in a covered kettle two hours. Very nice.

Cabbage Salad—Beat one egg, add a teaspoonful each of salt and sugar, two of butter, a little pepper and a tea cup of good vinegar. Place over the fire and stir until it boils, when cold pour over finely chopped cabbage. Let it get very cold, then serve.

Corn Fritters—Scrape corn from the cob of boiled (or raw) roasting ears, mix with a half cup of sweet milk, an egg, and a half cup of flour, drop in spoonfuls in hot fat. When brown on both sides, serve. Nice with syrup.

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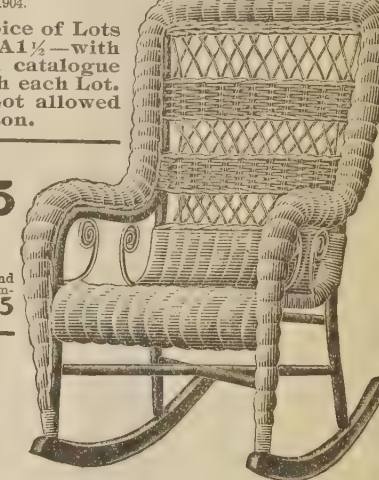
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A Tired Mother's Wish.

They were talking of the glory of the land beyond the skies, Of the light and of the gladness to be found in Paradise, Of the flowers ever blooming, of the never-ceasing songs, Of the wandering through the golden streets of happy white-robed throngs; And said father, leaning cozily back in his easy chair, (Father always was a master hand for comfort everywhere); "What a jovial thing 'twould be to know that when this life is o'er One would straightway hear a welcome from the blessed, shining shore!" And Isabel, our oldest girl, glanced upward from the reed She was painting on a water jug and murmured, "Yes, indeed!" And Marion, the next image, a moment dropped her book, And a "Yes, indeed!" repeated with a most ecstatic look; But mother, gray-haired mother, who had come to sweep the room, With that patient smile on her thin face, leaned lightly on her broom— Poor mother! no one ever thought how much she had to do— And said, "I hope it is not wrong not to agree with you, But seems to me that when I die before I join the blest, I'd like for just a little while to lie in my grave and rest."

—Selected.

Marthas and Self-made Martyrs.

It was Monday morning—"blue Monday"—a damp and dismal prospect greeted one of the many anxious mothers who were "sending the children off to school." A fine persistent drizzle of rain threatened a lost day and extra long hours over hot steaming tubs and heavy boilers full of garments so easy to soil, so hard to cleanse.

She bent stiffly over and counted the pile before her. For one daughter of fifteen years there were eight fancy white petticoats and many plainer undershirts, with dresses and a full assortment of the various other pieces in proportion. For the daughter aged twelve, the array was even worse, being dirtier and more numerous. She whispered to herself, "How can I do this terrible wash." Then recalling that Ivy had no clean dress left and a "High school girl must dress well" (it being an age wherein a good dress display is of more value than good brains, good breeding or good hearts) she sighed, "but I must do so, sick or well. I want my girls to look like ladies. I shall not live long and while I do they must have all the fun possible."

Ere she could soap them all she heard sounds of dissension above and wiping her hands she began to softly play on the piano—the piano so hardly earned for "her girls" who now were hardly ever willing either to practice or play to soothe her tired nerves and body—such sweetly plaintive melodies that the older girl ceased wrangling; then a merrier tune intended to rouse the pouty twelve year old; then mounting the stairs (the fifth time that morning) she called pleasantly, "Come girls, it is eight o'clock and you will be late." It was her regular custom to help them dress for school so she now attended to their varied demands. "Mamma where is my corset?" demanded pouty Kitty and as she asked she tossed a heap of clean night robes onto the floor, a heap thrown by her on the couch the night before as

she sleepily searched for "the one I want and no other" (one result of having too much to appreciate) and refused to put them back at her sister's request—which necessarily left this duty for "mamma," and "mamma, do hurry and do my hair," said Ivy, "and see if my corset is tight enough, and there's a button off my petticoat; and now tie my collar," etc., with a running stream of like demands from Kitty. Breakfast wearily served by her did not suit Kitty. Ivy being nearly late only drank some strong coffee ere running for a car and spending hours cramming as is the modern mode of study, a half dozen subjects into her brain, receiving orders to prepare further impossible tasks, and on reaching home at one P. M., feeling "tired," ate hastily of a nice dinner (to prepare which, busy as she was that day cost the mother tears) for "mamma" considered it wrong to have "pick up" meals on Monday, especially "rainy Mondays," and then donning a fussy afternoon dress fit for a party gown, sallied out with other young misses of like tastes and richer purses, to giggle and simper over the coarse, careless attentions of boys and men as they walked. "Exercise is so necessary for girls," sighed the mother as she rubbed a stain away, feeling oddly ill and giddy.

She toiled on (there were five lines of starched pieces for the two girls) and somehow found time to make beds, tidy rooms and prepare supper. While others ate, she lay on a couch musing. "Oh! how can I get time to do all those fall dresses and winter things for the girls. And how can I do Mrs. Blank's fall sewing—but I must have the money. Ivy needs two new party dresses." She rose but staggered and reluctantly asked, "Girls will you do the dishes?" Kitty snapped, "All those dishes,—umph!" Ivy smiled placidly, "Like to help you but I must start well at school you know and we have a fearful lot to do to-night." Ivy's school reports were her mother's only reward and so she silently did the work alone, not forgetting to sprinkle a dress for Ivy which she rose at five A. M. to iron so she could go clean as any lady.

She thought she was doing rightly. No one could have argued her into an easier life, or shown her that she was really cruel to her beloved girls. Daily for years they had been drilled into such selfishness and expected her slavish devotion. While she added to it a saving essence of mother spirit which spiritualized the rest, it was as the perfume of a crushed flower, one soon forgotten or vainly regretted some day.

There had been "better days." Sweetly as she had borne the cross of losing a good husband and a lovely home, she had not adjusted herself to her plainer prospects. She had assumed the earning of a ten-room house in the city, had done sewing, taken boarders and always slaved for "my girls." That they "looked nice" was so much she had no time to cultivate their sex natures or souls. Their boon companions were chosen without consulting her. Pity, ah pity—so noble a mind, so generous a nature, so charitable a friend (she nursed for others just as sweetly, busy as she was) and in her early thirties looking forward to death with yearning.

Yes, the fall sewing was done—also Mrs. Blank's—and one day while she worked on the elaborate and dainty party gown for Ivy, God sent her rest. Ivy found an unconscious mother sitting up "sewing while I wait," as she returned

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October Days.

Optimists may grow enthusiastic over April with its resurrection in nature—when the ice King lets go his grip on mother earth; when fields grow green and the sun's warm rays make life worth living again. Poets may sing the praises of May with its wealth of apple blossoms and its beautiful flowers of countless variety; when bees make music in the air; when birds mate and build their homes and fill the air with gladness; when lovers walk through pleasant lanes and dream of a long future of love and light and sunshine. Lovers of the rose may wax eloquent over the month of June when the whole world seems one fragrant bower of beautiful blossoms and when the cherry trees are laden with luscious fruit, the first gift of the new year, but for those of us who have passed youthful days and number a few gray hairs among our once brown or raven locks, October has charms which no other month of the year possesses. Not only is all nature decked in its most beautiful robes but everything in October seems to breathe of promises fulfilled; of tasks completed; of rewards won; of compensation for faithful service; of the bounty vouchsafed to those who toil and while the rain does fall alike upon the just and the unjust there must be a sense of satisfaction in the blushing apples and the full corn in the ear, to those who endeavor to live right and trust to the great Giver of all good, for daily help. There must surely be a feeling that the daily bread asked for has been given.

To those who can take a day off, October holds charms which cannot be realized at any other time of year. The bracing atmosphere gives one an exuberant feeling, an elastic step and a surpassing desire for a jolly time. A day gathering nuts or hunting squirrel or romping through the woods and fields for the mere love of it, will bring joy to the heart and color to the cheeks which will last for many days. October is here with all its beauties and blessings, let us enjoy it to the utmost.

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October Days and Duties.

"Earth hath not such a glory
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October sunsets bear."

Our duties called us to the woods to-day, and we could not resist the temptation to sit for a while under the shade of the trees and listen to the murmur of the zephyr-swept leaves, and the patter of the nuts as they came tumbling down. Up in the trees the squirrels were nimbly hopping from branch to branch and with their sharp teeth were clipping the nuts, which later on, would be searched out from the leaves, and hidden away for their winter store. They had taken no thought to sow or plant; yet the Father feedeth them, and their only care was to garner up what had been provided. Mine was a different mission and I wondered if I were fulfilling it as well even as they. Well it was not a time for much moralizing or speculation but the little rest was helpful and lightened the burdens of the day.

Unlike the squirrels, we had long and arduous work to do in planting and sowing, weeding and hoeing, before we could come to the reaping time, and it seems that this year has been unusually full of extra, to say nothing of regular duties. And now, October's purpling haze and gorgeous tints remind us that this year's seed time as well as harvest will soon be past, and thus but little time is left us in which to make ready for the winter.

Spring Preparations.

Rather early isn't it to talk of next year's work? Well, we have been preparing the way for a clear coast or at least making some preparations along those lines, for to some extent at least, it was almost a necessity.

In beginning our work last spring, we were seriously troubled to procure hot bed soil as our own grounds did not afford it. We thought to eliminate that difficulty from our future work and so we have tried to get started in good time. Down at the river flowing along the rear of our place are bottom lands, rich in the deposits of years. This soil is covered with sod and, we are utilizing both for the hot beds next year. Now without thorough preparation, there would be much risk in using this, for there might be serious danger of fungus diseases so we must prepare for that. The sod was cut as for sodding lawns, only thicker so that we should get a good quantity of soil along with the sod. These were laid or corded up in square piles in alternate layers of sod and fine cow manure. The mass was pretty well drenched with water as it was piled and thus it has been left to decompose. Later on this must be handled over and air-slacked lime will be added. It must also be allowed to freeze and thaw, for Jack Frost has a wonderful power over the soil and his icy fingers are of equal importance in ripening and mixing and balancing the varied elements and bringing them into harmony.

Those fortunate enough to have good garden loam at their disposal will of course, not need to be at all these pains, but in our case it seemed a necessity. However it will pay any who make hot beds to prepare the soil this fall so that it may be ready at any time when desired for use. At any convenient time before freezing, pile it up and if required, mix in some fertilizer as ashes, manure or something of that sort. Also add lime if possible, and the handling and mixing so long previous to being used will greatly benefit and improve the conditions. Then too, the convenience of having it all in readiness when required for use is ample remuneration for all the trouble expended.

This is but one of the many things we have in view, and hope to accomplish, for

the more jobs completed this fall, the lighter will be the duties of next year. We go in for a general advancement all along the line and hope next season to make more progress than has marked any previous year.

In August, we filled out the missing hills in our strawberry rows so that now our entire planting of two acres has a nice stand of plants and promises good things for next year. Our bush fruits will also require like treatment and these plantings will be made early this month. We believe the fall is a good time to plant out these fruits although we do not recommend it for general planting, at least in the northern latitudes.

Our asparagus plantation will require some filling in and we shall have to purchase roots for this. We are buying roots one year old last spring and shall plant them in the rows where the hills are missing, and in the spring they will be but little behind those planted early in the season. It has not been all sunshine with the bed this past season for the asparagus beetles have insisted on working upon the plants, and in some cases the stalks and foliage have been considerably injured. We have sprayed and dusted with dry mixtures repeatedly, as they work great injury to the plants. The damage done is not so much for the present as the future results, for there is no doubt but that the weakened condition of the plants caused by the insect depredations is a fruitful source of the damage caused by the asparagus rust.

In addition to the above duties we have considerable plowing and manure hauling, for we are endeavoring to feed the land plentifully before turning it over. The fall dressing of manure is very helpful as it rots more rapidly after being plowed down, and in spring, becomes available so much more quickly. So we are aiming to make, in so far as we are able, the best possible conditions, for in no other way can we reasonably look for success.

Some of the Products.

In looking back over the work of the season, we find that while it has been a constant fight against poor soil, adverse weather, blight, insects, and the like, we are able to make some creditable showings as to products grown. While some vegetables have been nearly or quite a failure, other varieties have been exceptionally good; and although late in the season, we still expect to make some exhibits at the fairs. From the market comparisons, we are persuaded that our vegetables will stand side and side with those of other growers with a fair chance of carrying off some of the honors at least. By the way, the fairs are an excellent school in their way and ought to be far more generally patronized than they are. We hope to do something in the way of prize-taking; and should we fail in this, we are very sure that the efforts put forth will not be lost; but will bring ample reward in other ways.

Odds and Ends.

I more than suspect that many of our readers are in the same boat with the writer. So many things requiring immediate attention line up before us that it is often difficult to tell which should come first. This month will sort of close the books in some branches of the garden work, for most of the crops will be gathered and stored before the close of October. Now in addition to the harvesting and storing, comes the cleaning up of the rubbish. Perchance I have said it before; but it will bear repeating, that the fire is the safest place for much of the garden waste. Insect pests find admirable winter quarters in the

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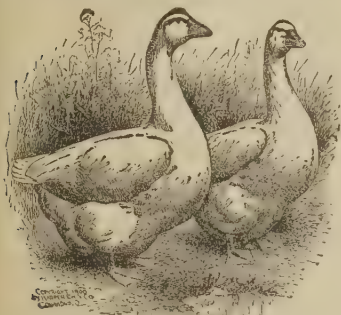
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Go over the flocks now and cull out the poor ones and get rid of them at once, so as to make more room for those that are likely to return a profit if given a chance.

A man who is quite a successful poultryman admitted to me the other day, that one of his greatest blunders had been in changing about from one breed to another. There is scarcely anything gained by so doing. Select a good variety and try and improve on them every year.

In putting up corn cribs and granaries, build them so the hens can not get in. A preventive is easier than a cure. Keep the poultry where they belong. Its no wonder the farmer gets disgusted with hens, when they are allowed the run of the whole premises. Arrange the poultry house so that the hens may have a scratching place in or near it and not on the barn floor or in stables as many do.

There are different opinions about forcing hens to lay. Some people are all the time investing in one preparation or another to make their hens lay. If a hen is healthy nostrums can not improve her. Eggs are not produced by these so-called condition powders, but from good wholesome food. And its useless to force a hen anyway. It always makes them too fat. They may lay well for a short time but will soon let up, as too much crowding puts them out of condition. The only correct way of forcing a hen to lay is to force her to take plenty of exercise in getting her food. Exercise is the one great thing in the production of eggs.



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Good Profits in Geese.

Raising geese was a very important and profitable part of farming years ago with a great many people, but of late years it seems that the industry has been neglected. In years past the women and children were supposed to look after this stock. In those days the feathers were the principal product in view, little attention being paid to the market value of the meat. The regular picking days meant hard work and lively times, but they were not minded in those times. Today on all the farms around me within two or three miles I know of but one farmer who raises geese.

A flock of three or four geese, if properly handled, will be found quite profitable stock on most any farm. They will require little else than grass in summer, and if you have a fair sized yard when there is abundant pasturage and some running water they will need very little attention during warm weather. In the winter they should have some enclosure for protection from severe weather and be fed twice daily. Shredded hay is a good winter food, and some recommend ensilage for a feed in winter time, corn

and corn meal also. Too much grain is objectionable as it induces them to lay too early, then they do not require as much grain as chickens anyway. They choose their mates in February and if fed much are apt to become too fat for breeding purposes.

In raising geese it is not necessary that there should be a pond for them any more than for ducks. Only plenty of drinking water is required. A running stream is good, but in this case while the goslings are young and tender it will

be better to pen them up with the mother away from the stream for a little time, for they must not be allowed to get chilled. Their care while young should be similar to that of the duckling. Breeders have different plans of feeding goslings. Some give only bread soaked in water at first, others tender grass and water for first two days, then scalded cracked corn, but never so much but what they will have a good appetite for grass. A too heavy grain diet causes them to weaken on their legs. In moderate weather they require no artificial heat after a week old. They should be confined to pens and moved every day on fresh grass until strong enough to have their liberty. It is better to set the first lot of eggs under hens, five to seven to a sitting, according to size of hen. Then the goose may be set, which ordinarily will cover about fifteen eggs. It is a

good plan to test out the infertiles after they have been set about a week. As a rule each goose should average about twenty goslings in one year, and as the average weight of these when fattened is about ten pounds, it will be seen that with a good breed and proper handling, goose raising is about as profitable as anything in the poultry line. Of the large breeds it generally pays better to market them at the age of about ten weeks, than to hold them longer. The demand for green geese begins in June.

Some advise plucking the feathers about every two months, but I believe this is a mistake, to be sure the feathers are an item worth considering, however I believe that for best results in laying and breeding, once a year is often enough to take the feathers off. Plucking often causes the meat to be tough and stringy.

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Where the facilities are good I believe it will pay farmers to give more attention to growing geese, ducks or turkeys and less to other poultry. Many farms are especially adapted to raising water fowl, while the raising of other poultry is carried on at a disadvantage.

Getting Ready for Winter.

We usually have some very fine weather during the month of October and an excellent time to complete the preparations for winter. Among some of the things that should be done in getting ready for winter is to lay away two or three hundred pounds of second growth clover. Save all the scrawny heads of cabbage. When digging potatoes sort out all the small ones and store them away for the hens. Small potatoes cooked with bran and table scraps mixed in and some cut clover make an excellent mash. If you have a ground floor remove some of the top and replace with fresh earth, sand is good, and don't forget several barrels of fine dirt or dust before the fall rains come on and while it is dry, this to be placed in boxes for dusting. It will aid more in keeping lice off the fowls than anything else. Stop all openings where the cold is likely to come in and if necessary line with tarred paper.

Prepare to furnish your hens in winter with food, etc., to take the place of that which they are most eager to get now. Give them ground bone or meat in some form to take the place of bugs and worms in summer; clover in place of green grass, and exercise by placing the grain where they will dig and scratch for it all day. Of all these things I consider the latter of most importance. No hen will keep in a good laying condition unless she takes plenty of exercise. She may produce eggs for a while in late fall and early winter, but after a few weeks she will drop out of line and the result will be very few eggs from that time on, and what she does lay will be little or no account for hatching.

It pays to have everything in readiness in good season, for if we wait until it is time for the hens to begin laying before we prepare for their comforts the chances are we won't get many eggs, and every one knows that to keep a flock of fowls all winter and have no eggs until they get cheap in the spring does not tend to make the owner very enthusiastic on the subject of poultry keeping. I know that on a good many farms no effort is made to provide for the hens until the owners hear that eggs have "gone up five or six cents," and I know too that with most of those people fresh winter eggs are a rarity. It does not seem right that this should be so, and especially with the farmer, when there is an opportunity to get everything required for successful poultry keeping, and all so easily too. See the great amount of litter, chaff and straw that the farmer has for his fowls to work in, yet I know of many farmers who hardly ever use a particle of it in the hen house. No one thing can be of greater benefit to a flock than a pile of this stuff for them to work in. Too large flocks and too many old hens kept over, and lack of exercise are the main causes of few or no eggs.

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FRUIT NOTES

Handling Fruit for Cold Storage.

At least three fourths of the commercial troubles in the cold storage of apples are the result of handling the fruit roughly in picking, packing, and shipping, coupled with a delay in storing the fruit after it is picked. The apple ripens quickly as soon as it is severed from the tree, and the diseases grow rapidly. Every hour that the fruit lies in piles or in packages in the orchard, in buildings, in unventilated box cars in transit, or at the terminal of the road in warm weather it is consuming a part of its life that otherwise would be passed in the warehouse. Having a shorter time to live on account of this treatment, and the diseases having spread, the fruit deteriorates early in the season from scald, from decays, and from natural death. In cold weather the effect of a delay in storage is not so injurious, as the ripening advances less rapidly; but when the temperature is in the eighties and nineties, a delay of a week may shorten the storage life of such varieties as the Grimes Golden, Rhode Island Greening, or York Imperial from two to four months.

I would like to emphasize still further the importance of checking the ripening of the fruit quickly after picking, if it is to retain good shipping and keeping qualities, by referring to a phase of the peach industry. Those of you who handle peaches that are in transit from three to five days in refrigerator cars know that it is not uncommon to find the fruit in the bottom of the car hard and sound, while that in the top layers of the car may be dead ripe or may have developed from 10 to 30 per cent. decay. And this condition occurs even when the cars have been iced thoroughly throughout the trip.

The sound condition of the fruit in the bottom of the car is the result of the rapid cooling which is quick enough to retard the ripening and prevent the growth of the peach rot. The fruit, therefore, arrived in market in nearly the same condition that it was on leaving the orchard. The hot air from the fruit rises to the top of the car, and the peaches ripen and the rots develop in that position before the temperature of the car can be brought down sufficiently by the ice. The fruit in the top of the car, therefore often arrives in the market in a soft and unsatisfactory condition. During the present season we have been investigating this phase of peach transportation, and have shipped several cars to distant markets in which the fruit was cooled quickly to about 40 F. as soon as it was packed and before entering the refrigerator car. Under these conditions the temperature of the fruit has been maintained for a week in transit by the ice in the car, and the fruit has arrived in perfectly sound condition from the top to the bottom of the car. At the same time, peaches shipped under the ordinary method of refrigeration have developed from 10 to 25 per cent. of soft or decayed fruit in the top layers. As a result of these investigations, which the department of agriculture will extend to different kinds of perishable produce, it is believed that some of the losses in the shipment of perishable fruits and vegetables may be reduced to an important extent by cooling the produce before it is locked in a refrigerator car. These investigations emphasize from another standpoint the importance of cooling fruit quickly after it is picked in order to give it good shipping and marketing qualities.

There is an increased demand throughout the civilized world for fruits of all kinds as a staple article of food, and we are only at the threshold of the development of the apple industry. The demand for fruit increases rapidly if the markets are supplied with fruit in prime physical condition. The consumption, on the other hand, is retarded when the consumer is supplied with fruit of inferior grade or in poor physical condition.—G. Harold Powell U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

In the Orchards.

The early apples and pears are now ready to be picked. There is not much to be said about that work but what every one who grows them knows full well, but every one does not do the work as well as they know how. To assort them carefully, so that a box of them will not have any poor ones in it to cheapen the price of the whole, is something that pays for a little extra care, and to put all fruit up in clean, neat boxes or baskets does not require much skill, yet many fail in these points, and when they do so have to accept less than their fruit is actually worth, because the package does not look tempting to the buyer. Apples are plenty enough in the Eastern States this year that people are not likely to be anxious for any but the best, yet some growers seem to think that as cider mills are not as common as they were years ago, they must send their cider apples to market if they can put them into a barrel and put a few good ones over them.

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At the meeting in St. Louis of the prominent apple shippers of the Western States, it was said that averaging the many reports from different sections there seemed a probability that the crop this year would be larger than that of 1903, though only exceeding it a little, and that as the European apple crops showed a much larger yield there the demand for export would be less than last year. Some of the speakers thought that under these conditions buyers should refuse to take anything that did not grade up to No. 1 prime, while others were not quite up to that point, but thought there should be more difference than usual in the prices paid between No. 1 and lower grades, and that none of the inferior qualities should be put in cold storage, as they injure the demand and lower the prices on the better grades. While they did not take any decisive action upon the matter, it is probable that the latter suggestion will influence many in their purchases this fall, and that farmers will be taught at their own expense that it does not pay to grow fruit unless they will take pains to produce the best, and to pack only the best for market. While these are opinions of the Western buyers and shippers, there is a lesson in them for Eastern growers as well. If they store and send out only the best of their apples, those sent from here must also be good or they will not sell upon a dull market.

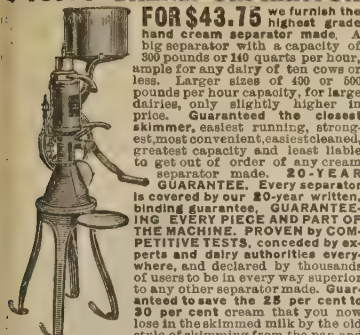
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Propping up Trees.

I notice that the apples are again overloading the trees, so that the limbs are already breaking. Last year there must have been a loss of several thousand trees in Oneida County alone—either a total breakdown or serious mutilation. Why the owner of an orchard should permit this smashup of his trees, I cannot understand. If he will take ordinary hop poles, and nail on crosspieces not quite at a right angle, he will find himself in possession of very cheap props, and save his trees. Half a day's work will take care of a good sized orchard. In the case of plum trees it is sometimes desirable to use shorter poles, tying one end to the limb and the other to the body of the tree. It certainly is a very needless waste to allow every good apple crop to decimate our trees.

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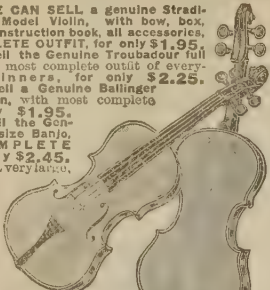
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Fruit Notes

(Continued from page 17.)

It is time also for those who have no storage rooms for their apples to begin to get ready. If you own only a poor cellar, clean it out thoroughly, batten the walls with tarred paper, get your barrels on hand in time, build neat bins, and keep the cellar well ventilated all summer. Almost any farmer can provide a storage room without great cost. My own is a cellar underneath a carriage house, which is a part of my barn. Here I can store at least one hundred and fifty barrels. After all other precautions, before cold weather comes on you can spread loads of autumn leaves over the floor.

E. P. Powell in Tribune Farmer.

Barrels Scarce and High.

Apple barrels are likely to be scarce and high again the present season unless all indications fail. Many far-sighted growers have been picking up supplies all summer, and high quotations are already the rule in many localities, even higher than last season, which so far was a record-breaker for scarcity of barrels. Prices at New York and Pennsylvania localities range from 35 to 37 cents, Chicago quotes 35 to 38 cents and further West and North the prices are 26 to 30 cents. New Hampshire growers report about 25 cents as the growing price, which is extremely high for so early in the season. The barrel manufacturers seem to have fixed on a kind of agreement to regulate prices to their advantage. This situation will tend to an increased use of crates and boxes in place of barrels. The supply of second-hand barrels will be utilized as far as possible, but will not be sufficient to handle a large crop. In some sections the growers are using boxes extensively, and report higher prices for choice fruit in boxes, each specimen wrapped in paper. Some New England growers will try boxes for the first time this year.

American Cultivator.

Marketing Apples.

What J. H. Hale says is always regarded with interest, and on the subject of marketing apples he writes as follows: "In selling your crop in the orchard you give away the final profit to another fellow. Better make all you can out of the crop. With peaches we pick them as they mature; with apples we don't but we must come to it. It pays to pick the trees several times over. At least 40 per cent. of all apples go to waste. Good apples are going into market in smaller packages. Barrels hinder sales. We could treble our sales by using little packages. Some years ago when potatoes were selling at 50 cents a bushel in Boston market a Berkshire county grower after much persuasion, induced a dealer to try a lot nicely washed up and put in clean bags, tagged with name of sort and grower. They sold quickly at \$1.00 each, and the dealer telegraphed for 100 more. In Chicago I saw apples in boxes selling at \$3.00 to \$3.50, while in barrels they brought \$1.50 to \$2.00. The former was perfect fruit in attractive shape. Fruit not wanted at once should be paper wrapped and go into cold storage."

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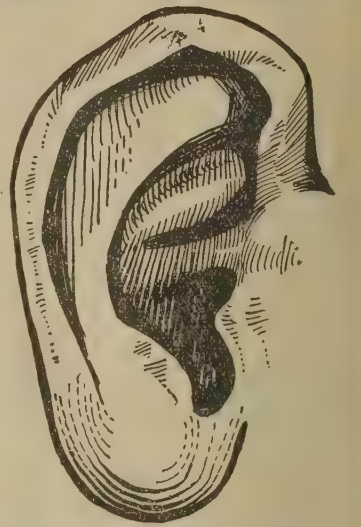
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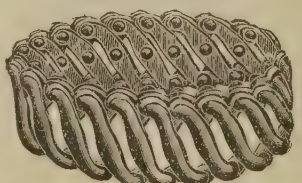
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Farm Notes

Beef Rings.

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American Agriculturist.

Clover to Fatten Sheep.

In fattening sheep the character of the fodder fed exercises an important influence. When corn or even barley is the important grain factor in the food, clover hay fed as the fodder will fatten the sheep more quickly and more satisfactorily than corn fodder or timothy hay. The reason is found in the fact that the clover is palatable, even more so than the other fodders named, and it also balances the ration better than these. Some seasons clover is scarce and therefore cannot be much used for such a purpose. This is not true of it the present year. The clover crop was unusually plentiful. Not a little of it, however, was spoiled or injured by rain. Much of it is also coarse, and such clover is not relished by sheep. They will reject the coarsest portions. Where second crop was well saved, it answers well for such feeding. But the past season in some sections much of the second crop also was spoiled by rain. Notwithstanding the amount thus injured, the crop was so large that much good clover is available for feeding. It cannot be devoted to better use than to feed it to sheep that are being fattened as described above. It is also excellent for breeding ewes, particularly in the lambing season. It is good for producing milk, and sheep are very fond of it when the clover is properly saved.

—New York Farmer.

The Commercial Side of Farming.

Given farms and farmers of equal productive power, the one who sells best will have the best success. The work of farming is only half done when the crop is made out of the ground; sometimes the biggest half is in making the money out of the crop. This branch of farm business needs improvement; this side of the farmer needs cultivating. Watch and study the markets and the ways of marketmen and dealers in all kinds of goods and learn the art of "selling well." One point is to have something worth selling, something just a little bit better than the other fellow's; another is making its appearance as attractive as possible; another is getting it on the market at the time people want it and are willing to pay good prices for it, and another thing is in finding buyers who know a good thing when they see it.—Tribune Farmer.

Fattening Stock.

Every farmer should fatten at least one beef animal every fall. It is a good way to dispose of unmarketable vegetables and oats, small potatoes, pumpkins, and unripe corn, and if the beef from an old cow, ox or bull does not have as high a reputation in the market as that of the prime Western steer, it seems to us that we never ate much better corned or salt beef than animals fattened in that way and then finished off with a few bushels of meal, and killed and salted at home. Once the farmers of Massachusetts used to buy thin cattle from down East or out West somewhere and start them fattening in the pastures or on the second crop of the meadows with such other waste as they might have on the farm. If they could sell the beef for enough to repay the

money expended for the cattle and the grain bought for them, they felt that their pile of manure made had well repaid their labor, for the manure from fattening stock was worth much more on the crops than that made by growing animals, especially if the latter had no grain, nor perhaps not the best of hay, as was the custom of those days. The hogs that are being fattened for slaughter can now eat and digest more grain than could have been safely fed to them in August, and it is time to begin to crowd them a little. After all that has been said about the extra value of prime bacon hogs, the fact remains that buyers here prefer a fat hog to those that have lean meat mixed with the fat, and they should have their allowance of grain gradually increased until they are ready for the butcher. There is a profit so long as they eat heartily all that is given them, if that is enough, and it is time to call the butcher when they are not able to stand at the trough long enough to eat their daily rations. We like to feed three times a day, but those who cannot get the breakfast ready for them soon after sunrise may fatten them more rapidly on two meals a day.

Saving the Corn Crop.

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3. The value of the food is not measured alone by its chemical constituents. The lamb feeder will find the silo greatly to his advantage because silage acts so beneficially on the bowels of the lambs.
4. The steer feeder may find it to his financial advantage to feed the steers in the open on corn hauled directly from the shock, following steers with pigs, but with human labor at normal prices he will find the method of putting the corn through the silo and restraining the liberty of the steer somewhat, one that crowds in financial economy the more pristine method just recommended.

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Let ladies pass through a door first, standing aside for them.

Let a lady pass first always, unless she asks you to precede her.

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In the parlor, stand till every lady in the room is seated, also older people.

Rise if a lady comes in after you are seated, and stand till she takes a seat.

Hat off the moment you enter a street door, and when you step into a private hall or office.

Never play with a knife fork or spoon. Use your handkerchief unobtrusively always.

In the dining-room take your seat after ladies and elders.

Rise when ladies leave the room, and stand till they are out.

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Do not look toward a bedroom door when passing. Always knock at any private room door.

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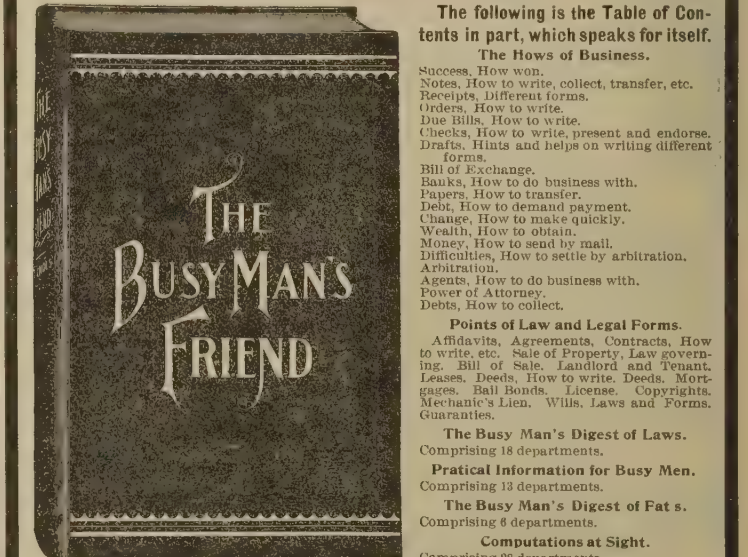


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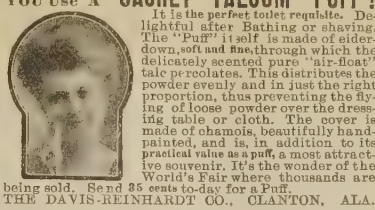
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A. B. C. Connecticut Upon separation of a husband from his wife, is the wife entitled to possession of presents other than those given to her before the marriage, under the laws of Massachusetts and Connecticut?

Reply: Under the statutes relating to the separate estates of married women, the wife is entitled all gifts made to her either before or after marriage.

X. Y. Z. Connecticut A farm in Massachusetts or Connecticut was deeded to husband and wife jointly. Upon separation of husband from wife, what estate does the wife have in the farm?

Reply: Although the law in Massachusetts and Connecticut is divergent as to the estate created by a conveyance to persons who are husband and wife (in that the former recognizes what are technically known as estates of entirety whereas the latter does not) after a divorce a vinculo in either state such parties are in the position of joint tenants or tenants in common and neither party can in any way divest the other of his (or her) interest.

L. R. C. New York A had his land surveyed from an old record, found that the line described on the record upon him, and purchased six feet of land from the straightened line. Then B surveyed his land (likewise from an old record) and found that he lacked three feet of reaching A's corrected line.

C purchased A's interest in this land and built his fence 12 inches towards B's survey stake, claiming "new" land. D, who purchased B's interest under a deed, with course running about 100 feet and flanking two inches of reaching C's fence, wants C to move his fence back 12 inches. What are D's rights?

Reply: The question cannot be definitely answered under this insufficient statement of facts. But from the references to "old records" and also in some measure from the fact of A's claiming "new" land, it may be held that up to A's curved line or at least to A's straightened line, under claim of right for 20 years, during which A was under no legal disability to assert his rights. In such a case under the present law in New York, B had little up to the boundary of the land thus possessed. C succeeds to A's rights and has no greater right than A would have had. C may therefore be required to relinquish the 12 inches (at least) unless his claim has been asserted adversely for 20 years.

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Reader, Fla.

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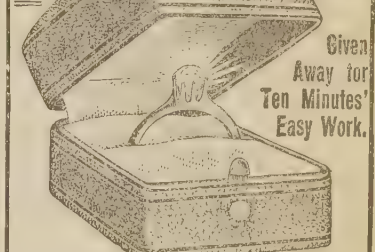
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A. S. K. Neb. Can a statute be enacted which will affect rights or events preceding its enactment? Can my rights under an uncle's will be affected by such a law passed after his death?

Reply: A statutory enactment cannot be avoided by merely showing that it is retroactive or retrospective, except in the few States where such legislation is explicitly forbidden by constitutional provision, unless such law is ex post facto, divests vested rights or impairs contract obligations. Your rights under your uncle's will became vested in you (i. e., became your absolute property) at his death and therefore your rights can be neither increased nor diminished in any degree or manner by any statute which has been enacted since your testator's death or which may be enacted hereafter.

SUBSCRIBER, Pa. Can a child who is injured by defective machinery in the factory where he is employed, get damages for his inability to earn a living? Can the father sue for such damages?

Reply: If the injury occurred through some neglect or fault on the part of the child's employer, of course the employer is liable to some one for the consequent damages. While ordinarily the father is entitled to the same services or earnings, and may therefore sue for the loss resulting from the diminution thereof in consequence of the child's inability to earn as much as previously, he may waive that right and thereby let the child take the action to claim the damages. The child cannot sue for damages consequent upon the personal injury, unless he is legally entitled to retain his earnings for otherwise he has suffered no damage in respect to them.

A. P. Iowa Does a homestead exemption in farm land extend to the crops obtained therefrom?

Reply: It seems to be generally conceded that the homestead exemption extends to growing crops. As to whether it extends to harvested products is an undetermined point in most states, although it is established in Iowa by Morgan V. Roundtree, 83 Iowa, 249, 45 Am. St. R. 234, that the exemption of a homestead extends to crops gathered therefrom. This is the rule also in Georgia (under statute), Missouri and Vermont, whereas the contrary rule seems to obtain in California, Texas and North Carolina.

M. A. F. Michigan Who owns shade trees in a street? Can a telephone company cut off branches which grow out between its wires?

Reply: In an old English case, still respected as authority it is said by Lord Mansfield that ancient authority "is express—that the king has nothing but the passage for himself and his people; but the freehold and all profits belong to the owner of the soil." So do all the trees upon it. And it is a well established rule in this country that where a highway is located on another's land, the owner of the soil may lawfully plant and maintain trees in the highway if the public use thereof as a highway is not thereby obstructed or endangered. In other words, the municipality which controls and is responsible for the condition of such highway cannot order or authorize the removal of trees as a nuisance upon the highway when they do not obstruct travel upon or prevent the proper improvement of the highway. The abutting owner's property right is such that he may cut down such trees notwithstanding that their injury is forbidden by municipal ordinance, because such ordinance applies to other persons. The right of the municipality to trim or cut down a tree follows from

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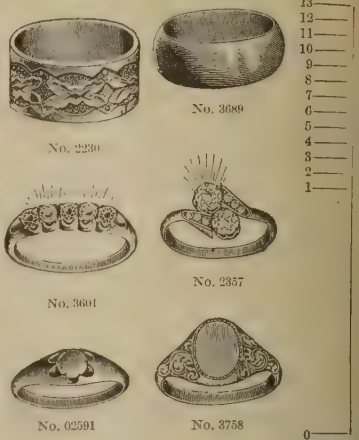
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Items of Interest.

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In a New Jersey factory boys were accustomed to sing while at work, and when ordered to stop, all threw down their tools and left.

The German population of the world is about 88,000,000, and of this number 10,920,000 are in the United States.

The United States and Great Britain together handle more letters and periodicals than all the rest of the world combined.

It is estimated that there are about 200,000,000 apple trees in the United States and that the average crop amounts to about 175,000,000 bushels.

Though more populous than this country, the Russian Empire has but eight hundred newspapers. The number in this country is twenty-two thousand.

China and Japan are pre-eminently the seaweed-eating nations of the world. Among no other people are seaweeds so extensively devoured and relished as food substances.

An iron cable, which is claimed to be the largest in the world, has been finished at Lebanon, Pa. It is more than a mile long, and each link weighs ninety-three pounds.

Ethnologists are of the opinion that when America was discovered there was not on the continent of North America any more Indians than exist now.

With 78,000 post offices within its borders, the United States leads all other powers of the world in this, as well as in most other lines. Germany comes next with 45,623 offices, and Great Britain third with 22,400.

Clothes-washing by electricity, without soap, is the idea of a Hungarian. The stream of electrified water is claimed to remove all spots and dirt, and the three hundred garments held by the machine are washed in less than fifteen minutes.

The Bank of England notes are made from new white linen cuttings—never from anything that has been worn. So carefully is the paper prepared that even

the number of dips into the pulp made by each workman is registered on a dial by machinery.

The deepest hole in the earth is near Ketschan, Germany. It is 5,735 feet in depth, and is for geological research only. The drilling was begun in 1880, and stopped six years later because the engineers were unable with their instruments to go deeper.

The average gross returns from cultivated land in this country is only \$10.50 per acre, and from land devoted to the growing of cereals but \$8.02 per acre. In Great Britain the intensive system of farming has brought the average gross returns up to within the neighborhood of thirty dollars per acre.

It is claimed that a Philadelphia hospital has lately performed the miracle of splicing a human nerve so as to restore its usefulness to the patient. If this was a bona fide operation it means that many cases of paralysis, etc., can be remedied.

Copper became one of the great mineral productions of the United States in 1844. In that year the Indians at last gave up the country along Lake Superior, in northern Michigan, and exploration soon found it to be rich in copper. Companies were formed at once, and copper mining became a productive industry.

A temperature of sixty degrees to eighty degrees F. is not dangerous to human beings who are adequately clothed, if the air is still, while thirty or forty degrees higher, if accompanied by a gale of wind, would kill every living being before it. Very low temperatures almost invariably coincide with perfect atmospheric quiet.

In Massachusetts alone last year there were 133 strikes with nearly twenty-nine thousand workmen voluntarily out of work more or less of the time, and losing a total of over 1,300,000 days' work. No wonder they call for higher wages. They need them to make up for lost time.

The Presidential election in 1796 was warmly contested by the two parties. The Federalists voted for Adams, and the Republicans for Jefferson. Adams was

electd President. Most of his electoral votes came from the Northern States, while Jefferson's votes came from the Southern States. Jefferson stood next to Adams in the vote and thus became Vice-President.

The Chinese department of the British Museum library contains a single work which occupies 5020 volumes. This wonderful production of the Chinese press is one of only a small number of copies now in existence. It is an encyclopedia of the literature of China, covering a period of twenty-eight centuries, from 1100 B. C. to 1700 A. D.

Officers of the Pueblo and Beulah Valley Railway, an electric line seventeen miles long, which has just been completed, have adopted a new system whereby passengers over the road will pay according to their weight instead of by the mile, as is usual. Passengers will step upon scales at the ticket office, and will be charged so much a pound.

Extinct pigmy elephants and hippopotami have been found in several large islands of the Mediterranean, remains lately discovered, seeming to be those of an elephant hardly three feet high. Dwarfing of these animals appears to have come from a restriction of the area over which they could range.

The fence about the Fort Belknap Indian reservation in Montana, which is forty miles wide and sixty miles long, has been finished. It probably is the longest fence in the world and has taken years in building. The plan is to protect the flocks of herds of the Gros Ventres and Assiniboines from intrusion, as well as to keep them from straying.

It is not generally known that the vanilla bean is the costliest bean on earth. It grows wild and is gathered by the natives in Papantia and Miscantia, Mexico. When brought from the forests these beans are sold at the rate of twelve dollars per one thousand, but when dried and cured they cost about twelve dollars per pound. They are mainly used by druggists, and last year over ninety million were imported into the United States.

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Two Mortgages.

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There were five new graves in the little churchyard on the hillside. They were for Mr. and Mrs. Potter, Ruth's father and mother, and the dear, old, crippled school-master. Ruth had been the comfort at each dying bed—even to the

school-master. She and Martha were now alone in the world and the little farm had been mortgaged to bury their parents. Ruth now taught the little school and Martha did the house work. Martha was engaged to marry Tom Higgins, a farmer's son near them; but he was poor and the marriage looked a long way off, as the mortgage was not paid and there seemed no way of ever paying more than the interest.

Ralph Potter had closed up the big, white house—had a tenant house built, and let the farm. Ruth saw him only a few times a year, but she heard of him. He had become a rising young lawyer. The papers spoke of him as being a young man above reproach, and looked forward to him as a coming great man in his state. Ruth was pleased to read all they said of him, for he had been her daily companion for years. It was she, who had sent for him from college, and stood with him beside his grandparents' dying beds. But now they had drifted apart, as there was nothing to bring him back to the old place.

It was June again, and the old home looked just as it did ten years before. Martha stood on the porch churning. As Ruth opened the gate to pass out on her way to the school house, she looked back with the heaviest heart she had ever known; for they had been warned if the mortgage was not paid by Monday, the place would be sold—and this was Friday. She thought and planned all day, until her brain was tired and dizzy. As she opened the gate on returning, there was a peaceful, resigned look on the fair, young face, as all unconsciously she murmured aloud, "Oh God, Thy will be done."

"Ruth! Ruth!" came in tones of reproach, as out from the shrubbery stepped the tall, handsome form of Ralph Potter. "Ruth, why have you done this?"—and he held the mortgage in front of her. "What have I done that you could not trust me?" "It was only by accident that I learned of this to-day." Before she could stop him, he had torn it in a hundred bits and scattered them before the wind.

"Oh Ruth, have you thought so little of me, when my every thought in life has been of you?"

"Ruth, darling, you have been my guardian angel. Oh Ruth, I have been following your foot-steps since that first day at school. Ruth, sweetheart, you can never know what you have done for me. I was a bad, unprincipled boy. Do you know, had I found that money, I would have run away with it—and I tremble to think what would have become of me if I had never met you. I should have come to you before, but oh, darling, I felt so unworthy of you! Ruth, I took you for a guide and through you, I found my heavenly Father. Oh, Ruth, why don't you speak, can't you love me a little for all this great, strong love of yours? Darling, don't tell me I have been mistaken. Don't you care a little for me Ruth?"

"Oh, Ralph, I had not suspected this, but I think—I think—she stammered, I have always cared."

"Oh sweetheart, darling, what have I ever done to be worthy of you?" He drew her to him and brushed the damp, auburn hair from the broad, white brow, kissing it, and then a long, lingering kiss on the sweet, pure mouth. As he held her up close, he murmured, "Sweetheart, I hurt you once, and oh, how it has tortured me! I have seen that dear, little——" Ruth placed a hand firmly over his mouth, her face rosy with blushes, as she said, "Don't! don't! Ralph." But he kept kissing the hand, until in shame, she drew it away. "Did it leave a scar, darling?"

"I think it did, but that is gone now," she answered, placing a hand on her left side.

"Oh, dearest, you do love me—say it once, Ruth, then we will go to Martha. She and Tom will have this place. The big, white house is yours. You know you paid the mortgage years ago, and Ruth, it was grandfather's constant prayer that you should some day be mistress of it. You shall live in the summer, where you can see the dear, old home. Say it darling—say 'I love you Ralph.'"

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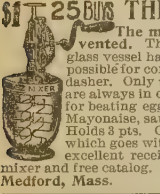
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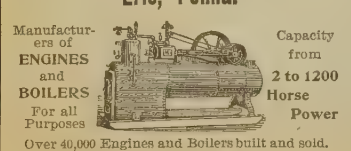
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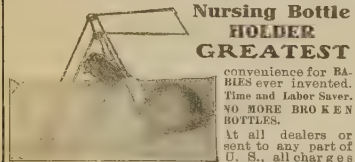
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As she extended a hand, neatly gloved in black, she gave it a whimsical glance saying, "I'm so glad I can frankly hold out a hand to a friend, for, do you know I have been so shabby of late as to gloves that I have had to contrive various excuses for concealing them.

"I was as careful as possible of these black kid gloves, which were new in the autumn, but some little time ago that ominous whiteness began to over-spread the inside of the thumb and finger of my right hand, and I knew that I was looking at the beginning of the end. This kept on till in shopping I was obliged to hold my hand as if disposing of Malaga grape seeds at desert, for fear the clerk in correct shirt waist and natty stock would see and criticize those fatal marks on the inside of my glove.

This went on, of course from bad to worse, until whenever I met one of my stylish acquaintances I was obliged to ignore the outland hand of greeting and keeping my own in my muff say, airily "O, don't make me take my hands from my muff it's so cold you know."

"Well as the days went on, an inspiration came to me. I know that ink is sometimes used to touch up a seam or spot in black gloves, but I concluded to use it unsparingly and if the result was what I hoped my gloves would be redeemed and a discovery made, and if not, the gloves could not be worn much longer anyway and I would sacrifice them to the experiment.

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In The Garden.

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Trench the celery in narrow trenches as deep as the bunches are high. Be sure that there is no danger of water standing, and cover with leaves or straw and soil according to the weather.

Cabbage, turnips and rutabagas, on account of the strong odors given off, should not be kept in the house cellar; and the former will be better if closely trimmed and put into the trench stem end up. They too should be held in a steady temperature and also free from an undue amount of moisture.

With turnips, rutabagas and also most other root crops I like to cover first with soil, allowing it to sift through among the vegetables. As the weather grows colder, cover with straw or litter and soil to securely hold from danger of frost. The salsify and parsnips, except what are wanted for immediate use are best left in the rows where grown.

John Elliott Morse.

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